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## *2009 Annual Report*



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*Meredith, New Hampshire*



Featured on the front cover...

***“Meredith Fire Station” home of “14 Tower 1 Ladder Truck”***

**On** March 12, 2008 Town Meeting approved a \$2.3 million bond for the addition to and renovation of the current Downtown Fire Station. A brief history ....

**B**eginning in 1998, the need for expansion was identified and added to the Capital Improvements Program timeline.

**I**n 2003, a Town-wide Space Needs Committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to analyze all Town-owned. Among others, the Space Needs Committee identified the need for increased space for the Downtown Fire Station of approximately 7,000 square feet, which would be addition to the current 6,600 square feet.

**J**uly 2005, saw the creation of an Internal Building Committee to begin the task of determining the current and future needs of the Fire Department. One of the major points in the charge to the Committee was projecting ahead for twenty five years and beyond. Another was location, could we stay where we were or was another location close to the current one an option?

**T**he findings were as follows:

It was estimated that a building totaling 14,561 square feet would satisfy the current and future needs of the Department. It was also determined that the current site was the best location.

**T**he Fire Station Building Advisory Committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen in July 2006 and set to work. Their findings echoed the results of the Internal Building Committee. In January of 2007 the Committee presented their findings to the Board of Selectmen and asked them to approve hiring an architect to move into the next phase of the project. Approval was obtained from the Board of Selectmen to contract with the firm of Sheerr, McCrystal, Palsen Architects Inc. of New London for architectural services in late February 2007. Bauen Corporation was selected in March 2007 as the construction manager for the project. Final plans showed a total of 15,243 square for the project, the larger number included hallways, stairs and such that the Internal Building Committee was unable to determine.

**S**ite work commenced on April 15, 2008. The renovations were complete in 2009, with the Fire Department moving into its new space in February 2009. To see a complete slide show of the project visit... [www.meredithfire.org](http://www.meredithfire.org) for a complete set of slide show links.

Compliments of David E. Parker.

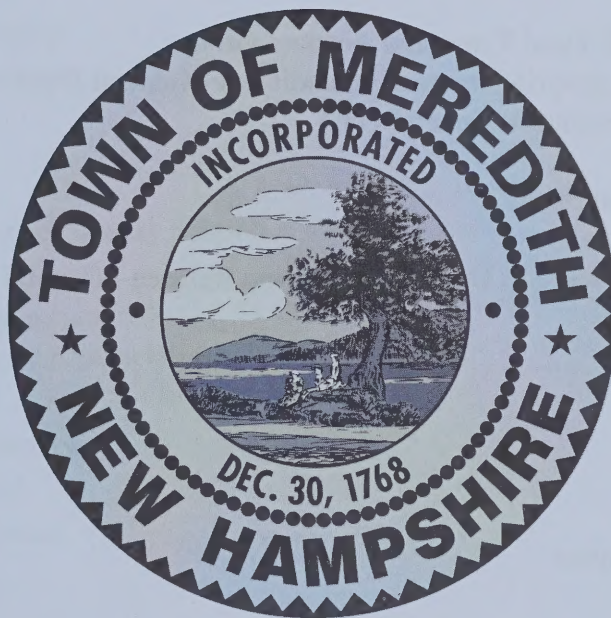
#### **Authorization for Aerial Ladder Fire Truck**

**F**unds have been set aside in an ETF for the financing of fire equipment since the inception of the Capital Improvements Program in 1998. In order to meet the demands of a growing Town, the Fire Department had identified the need to purchase an aerial ladder truck, and would utilize funds that were available in the ETF Fund for replacement of fire equipment. Fire Chief Ken Jones explained the decision to purchase a Pierce 100' aerial ladder, was based upon discussions with different manufacturers and viewing apparatus at the New England Fire Chief's annual meeting in Springfield, Massachusetts.

**T**he new Pierce Aerial Ladder arrived in Meredith in December 2009.



THE TOWN OF  
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2009

ANNUAL REPORT

for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009

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## **What is this Town Report all about?**

This Annual Town Report contains...  
information gathered from town departments,  
supported outside agencies and gives results of the  
2009 Town Meeting. You can view the Vital Statistics, Town  
Financial Statements, Tax Rate, Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison and a  
Summary of Town Owned Property. Following in the yellow section  
is our current Budget and Warrant Articles.

## **Town Elections (Please Vote)**

Tuesday, March 9, 2010  
Location: Community Center  
1 Circle Drive  
Time: 7am to 7pm

## **Please bring this book to Town Meeting on...**

Wednesday, March 10, 2010  
Location: Inter-Lakes High School  
1 Laker Lane  
Time: 7pm

## **Award**

Each year our report is entered into the Annual Town Report  
Contest which is held by the Local Government Center.

We compete against other Towns  
in the same population category.

We received third place for our 2007 Annual Town Report.

## **Recognition**

The Town Manager, Department Heads and Outside Agencies  
are responsible for the written reports. The Financial Statements are  
prepared by the Administrative Services Director, Brenda L. Vittner,  
Deputy Tax Collector, Vikki Fogg and Disbursement Accountant,  
Carrie Compton. The layout, graphs and preparation of the Annual  
Report are completed by the Finance Officer, Linda Labraney.

Thank you to all who contributed to this report and  
congratulations for another award winning book.



# Town Report Dedication



*Charles "Chip" Thorndike*

Charles "Chip" Thorndike, 95, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 14, 2008, at Golden View Nursing Home.

Chip was born in Boston on February 2, 1914, the son of Dr. Townsend William Thorndike and Mary Cayford Thorndike. He grew up in Boston and attended Harvard University and the University of New Hampshire. He married Barbara Annalee Davis in 1940 and they resided on their Meredith farm for their entire married lives.

During World War II they ran a chicken farm, raising 30,000 chickens to provide hatching eggs for the war effort. In the late 1940s, "Chip" and Annalee began the Annalee Mobilitee Doll Company at their kitchen table. "Chip" was responsible for creating the wire frame, which gave the felt dolls much of their unique expression. Through the years the business grew to national prominence, eventually employing 500 workers.

Photography was a lifelong love, which "Chip" continued into his 90s. His skills progressed with the times and technology, learning digital and video filming techniques.

"Chip" always enjoyed attending auctions and in his later years began selling his "finds" at Chip's Use-It-Up Shop in Meredith.

Mr. Thorndike was predeceased by his wife, Annalee, in 2002; his sister, Sarah Herbert Thorndike; and a brother, Townsend William Thorndike.

He is survived by his brother, David Thorndike of Colorado; two sons, Townsend D. and his wife, Katherine, of North Sandwich, and Charles E. and his wife, Karen, of Meredith; seven grandchildren, Townsend Eric of Maine, Shane William of Vermont and Nicholas Hoyt of New Hampshire; Christopher, Peter, Shannon Benedix, and Kelly Sturmer of Colorado, New Hampshire and Maine; five great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren, Jennifer Miller, Lisa Thomas, Kevin Dupont; several nieces and a nephew.







# *In Special Memoriam*

**Barbara Reynolds Smyth**, 66, succumbed to colorectal cancer at her home in Meredith after a heroic fight of more than seven years. She was born in White Plains, New York and grew up in nearby Elmsford.

Talented in art, she received a fine arts degree from Syracuse University and, while in college, took the name "Bobby" because there were so many Barbara's around.

Always adventuresome, her first move after college was to join a cousin sailing trans-Atlantic in his 40 foot wooden sailboat. When the boat was dismasted during a storm off the Canary Islands and one crewmember left in fear, Bobby stayed on to arrive safely in the Caribbean. Less-risky sailing always remained a favorite pastime of hers.

After a brief period in Boston, Bobby moved to New York, eventually joining Time Inc.'s Fortune magazine, where she worked for almost 30 years. At Fortune she was part of a design team that transitioned from the scissors and paste pot technology of page layout to one of the most sophisticated computerized graphic design systems in the world.



Barbara "Bobbi" Reynolds Smyth

In 1998, Bobby retired from Time Incorporated and in 1999, married a childhood acquaintance from Elmsford, Lou Kahn, moving with him to Meredith. Bobby's agreement to marry Lou was conditioned on his providing her with two horses and a red pickup truck.

In Meredith, she indulged her lifelong love of horseback riding, for the first time owning her own Tyrolian Alpine "Haflinger" ponies. She also focused on the conservation and protection of local landscapes and watersheds, in particular, Lake Waukegan.

As a member of the Meredith Conservation Commission, Bobby worked on publicity and posters to help the town acquire the conservation easement on Longridge Farm on Route 3 and the Eames and Page Pond properties and she helped clear trails in the Hamlin Town Forest, which abuts her home. She is the inspiration for a gift to the town of the "Bobbi R. Smyth Conservation Easement" on about 140 acres of forest, owned by her and her husband, abutting the town's Hamlin and Eames forest properties.

Bobby applied her design and production skills to the newsletters of the Northeast Haflinger Association and the Waukegan Shore Owners Association. She also served the latter as a board member. In 2007, the Greater Meredith Program named Bobby Volunteer of the Year. She designed, planted and watered flower and landscape beds and flower boxes gracing the Meredith Center firehouse and other locations. Bobby also was a member of the Meredith Altrusa Club.

Bobby is survived by her husband and his two adult children, Jessica and Richard; her sister and brother-in-law, Sally O. Smyth and Tom DeMarco of Camden, Maine; numerous cousins in the Kingery, Ellis and Reed families; her ponies, Bob and Tanya, and her beloved Bull Terrier, Sadie.



# *In Special Memoriam*

*Archer P. French "Phil"* passed away peacefully on July 4, 2009 at his home with his family by his side after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Born May 2, 1938 Long Island, N.Y. to parents Archer C. French and Jemima Kerr graduated Amherst High School, Amherst, Mass. and Stockbridge School of Agriculture, University of Massachusetts. Joined US Air Force 1958-1962 and was stationed in Morocco, North Africa as security guard K-9 duty. Spent time at Pease Air Force base in Law Enforcement and upon discharge worked for the Ogunquit, Maine police department.

From 1964 to 1976 was general foreman for Asplundh Tree Expert Company, covering the state of New Hampshire. In the fall of 1976, he started his own company, French's Tree Service in Meredith and spent the next 29 years doing what he loved. He was the past president of the NH Arborist Association as he was devoted and gave many years of service to the Arboricultural industry. Sold French's Tree in 2005 to Chipper, Inc., and stayed on as consultant/estimator until last August.



*Phil*

While building his successful business, Phil played a great role in the lives of his son and daughter. He was Assistant Boy Scout Leader and umpire for the Youth Little League. Raised on a farm as a kid, he continued that love of animals on his own farm. He spent many years at the 4-H Horse Ring and shows throughout the state with his daughter competing.

Among his other passions was the love of the ocean and fishing. Having his Captain's Boating License, he worked part-time for Squam Lakes Science Center driving the tour boat "On Golden Pond" charters for the past couple of years.

As owner of French's Tree Service he was quick to donate his men and equipment for Town civic needs, such as Christmas lights on the large tree by Bootleggers; he also came to our assistance in removing a ruptured 1,000 gallon propane tank, so no one would be injured and to allow people to move back into their homes in a timely manner.

Phil was a devoted husband and best friend of 45 years to Linda J French; son Robert M. French, his wife Deborah and their two children, Mackenzie and Cooper of Sanbornton; their daughter, Deborah L. Kendrick, husband Jeffry and their two children Piper and Parker of Colchester, Vt. A brother, Andrew K. French of Amherst, Mass. and a sister, Judy Meyhoffer of Vermont. He was predeceased by a brother, Daniel French of Amherst, Mass. He leaves his wonderful four grandchildren, several in-laws, nieces, nephews & cousins.

He was a member of the First Congregational Church in Meredith and member of the American Legion and NH Arborist Assoc.



# *In Recognition*

## *Steve Gregoire*



Steve Gregoire, left, accepts a gold brick awarded for his hard work with the Greater Meredith Program from Executive Director, Bonnie Ireland, center, and Executive Assistant, Liz Lapham.

*Steve Gregoire* has been a resident of the town of Meredith for 47 years. He attended Lang Street (elementary) School, Inter-Lakes Elementary School and graduated from Inter-lakes High School in 1979.

As a product of local public education, Steve went on to attend Bentley College in Waltham, MA where he received both BS and BA degrees. Employed for over ten years by Meredith Village Savings Bank, Steve retired in early 2009 as Vice President Finance / Compliance & BSA Officer. Steve noted that MVSB supported employee participation in community affairs allowing him to pursue opportunities outside of the work place including a three year term as Town Treasurer.

As a Rotarian since 1988, Steve has held the positions of President, Secretary and Rotary Fishing Derby Chairman. In 1996, Steve became one the original incorporators of the Meredith Main Street Program now know as the Greater Meredith Program. Steve has served as Treasurer and President of this organization. In 2007 Steve received the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce Citizenship Award. Most recently in January 2010 the Greater Meredith Program honored Steve for his dedication and service to the organization.

Steve's future plans include a Spring 2010 wedding which will (unfortunately for us) involve his relocation to Bow, NH. Congratulations Steve!

According to John Edgar, Community Development Director, "Steve is a low key kind of guy, doesn't look for attention but is always willing to help out. Steve exemplifies the value of community service. He will be missed."



# *TOWN OFFICIALS*

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## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Peter F. Brothers, 2012, Chairman

Charles G. Palm, 2011

Robert Flanders, 2010

Colette Worsman, 2012

Miller C. Lovett, 2010

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Moderator, 2010

Town Clerk, 2011

Treasurer, 2011

Stephen Nedeau

Kerri A. Parker

Louann Breen

## **TOWN DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS**

Town Manager & Tax Collector

Administrative Services Director

Community Development Director

Town Planner

Code Enforcement Officer

Public Works Director

Assistant Public Works Director

Water & Sewer Superintendent

Assessor

Parks & Recreation Director

Parks & Recreation Assistant Director

Library Director

Deputy Tax Collector

Deputy Town Clerk

Phillip L. Warren Jr.

Brenda L. Vittner

John C. Edgar, AICP

Angela LaBrecque

William M. Edney

Michael Faller

Allan Bolduc

Brian Carroll

James Commerford, CNHA

Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP

Rick Desharnais

Erin Apostolos

Valerie "Vikki" Fogg

Julie A. Choiniere

## **REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT**

Stephen H. Nedeau, 2009, Meredith

Kate N. Miller, 2009, Meredith

Deborah Reynolds, 2009, Senator

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS**

Kevin Morrow, Chief

Keith True, Lieutenant

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS**

Ken Jones, Chief

Andre Kloetz, Assistant Chief

Tom Joslin, Assistant Chief

## **FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Ken Jones

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Kevin Morrow, Director

Peter G. Russell, Assistant Director



# TOWN OFFICIALS

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## **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Cheryl Prouty, Chairperson, 2010  
John Foster, 2010  
Ann Keller, 2009 (resigned)

Jack McEwan, 2010  
Paula Wanzer, 2010

## **TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS**

William Finer, 2010

Barbara Clark, Chairperson, 2012

John Ward, 2011(resigned)

## **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Lucienne M. Boulanger, Chairperson, 2010

Anne Jollimore (deceased)

Nancy Jewell, 2014

Rhetta Colon, 2012

## **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Duncan McNeish, Treasurer, 2012  
Rhetta Colon, 2012  
Delphine Clough, 2010 (retired)

Paul Eldridge, Chair, 2012

Maribeth McEwan, 2010

Laurie A. Brothers, 2011  
Victoria Carty, 2011  
Ann Butler, 2012

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Louis Kahn, 2010  
John W. Dever, III, 2011  
Roger Sorell, 2010

Herb Vadney, Chairman, 2010

Bill Bayard, 2010  
Edward Touhey, 2011  
Robert Flanders, Selectman Representative

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

John "Jack" Dever Jr., Chairman, 2010

Michael Pelczar, 2010  
Warren Clark, 2010

Brian Flanders, 2012  
David Thorpe, 2012

Alternates: Donald Hampton, 2011

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Donald MacFarlane, Chairman, 2010

John Sherman, Vice Chair, 2010  
Robert LeCount 2010  
Paula Wanzer, 2010

Ralph Pisapia, Treasurer, 2010

Peter Miller, Secretary, 2010  
Barbara Smyth (deceased)  
Mark Billings, 2010

Alternates:

Dan Heyduk, 2010  
Jacquie Colburn, 2010

Mark Tuckerman, 2010  
Bob Davis, 2010

## **WAUKEWAN WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Bruce Bond, Chairman  
Bob Vogler  
Tim Whiting  
Bill Corr  
Pru Tylenda

Bonnie Ireland (resigned)  
Randy Eifert  
Stan Wallerstien  
John Hodsdon  
Michelle Therrien

Angela LaBrecque (Town of Meredith)

## **LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES**

Bill Bayard, 2010

Herb Vadney, 2010



# Report from the Interim Co-Town Managers

(January 2009 to September 2009)

The year 2009 began with Interim Co-Town Managers Brenda Vittner (Administrative Services Director) and John Edgar (Community Development Director) working with Department Heads and the Board of Selectmen to develop a level funded budget. Recognizing a projected revenue shortfall, the proposed level budget was further pared down with the intent of:

- (1) not increasing the property tax commitment above the 2008 level,
- (2) maintaining an adequate fund balance and
- (3) maintaining existing services.

The proposed budget adopted by Town Meeting was followed by cautious implementation due to the uncertainty of the revenue situation and the economy as a whole. Revenue projections were monitored monthly and several potential expenditures were put on hold until the revenue picture became more clear later in the year.

In January the Trust for Public Lands and its partners completed the purchase of the Page Pond and Forest property. The property was conveyed to the Town of Meredith for permanent conservation. Many thanks go to the Conservation Commission, the fundraising committee, Trust for Public Lands, LCHIP, private donors and the taxpayers of Meredith in securing this property for all generations that follow. Later in the year a community celebration was held to acknowledge this most important accomplishment.

In February we began to work closely with the Board of Selectmen on the town manager recruitment process. By consensus the Board developed it's criteria by which applicants and candidates would be evaluated. The Board also concluded that they wanted to proceed with a very deliberate in-house process including a nine-member Town Manager Search Committee.

Throughout 2009 Brian Carroll, Water and Sewer Superintendant and the Water System Advisory chaired by David Thorpe provided periodic updates on their progress to improve treatment plant capacity, record keeping, fee structures, and staff development.

In May, we celebrated the completion of the downtown Fire Station addition and renovation project with an open house. The project came in on schedule and slightly under budget.

The makeup of the new collective bargaining unit was certified in May by the Public Employees Labor Relations Board. The bargaining unit will include employees within Department of Public Works and the Water and Sewer Department.

June marked the town's acceptance of a generous, 148 acre conservation easement in memory of Barbara Smyth. This donation exemplifies Bobby's commitment to our natural environment and to the town as a whole.

In July, the Board of Selectmen adopted the Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan serves as a means to reduce future losses from natural and man-made events before they occur.



### Report from the Interim Co-Town Managers continued...

During the summer months the Department of Public works completed long awaited Batchelder Hill Road reconstruction/ resurfacing project. This project involved both contract work combined with in-house skills, talent and equipment. The combination proved to save the town significant funds while allowing both phases to be completed in 2009.

In late August the Board of selectmen announced their appointment of Phillip L. Warren, Jr. as Town Manager. This announcement was the culmination of an intensive, five month recruitment and selection process. Phil's first official day on the job was September 8<sup>th</sup>. This appointment brought to a close our eleven month tenure as Interim Co-Town Managers. We'd like to thank all of our employees, the Board of Selectmen, residents and businesses for their patience and understanding during this transitional period.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Vittner, Administrative Services Director  
John Edgar, Community Development Director

### Report from the Town Manager

After an intensive recruitment process, my first day of work for the Town of Meredith was September 8, 2009. Due to the work that both Brenda and John did while serving as interim co-managers, I was able to start from day one on substantive matters, not being required to spend hours catching up on what typically falls through the cracks when municipal management positions are vacant for a period of time.

Consistent with the goal set by the Selectmen, and through the direction of the Interim Co-Town Managers, when the final tax rate was set it did not increase the property tax commitment above the 2008 level while maintaining an adequate fund balance and maintaining existing services. This goal was possible through the cooperation and assistance of both department heads and employees.

As this report is written, I have served the Town of Meredith for approximately four months. I have found that there are many residents, employees and elected officials that care deeply for the continued success of the town, and their actions demonstrate their commitment – from actively serving on committees, participating in local events and participating in the political process.



Phil

You are what make Meredith the special place that it is, and I thank you for your participation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip L. Warren, Jr.  
Town Manager



# Report from the Board of Selectmen

To the Citizens of Meredith:

Your Board has concluded another year of working towards goals that we believe are in the best interest of our fellow citizens of Meredith. One of the methods that we have continued to use to accomplish our mission is the Workshop Session scenario. During 2009, nearly every regular Board of Selectmen meeting was preceded by a workshop, where matters were discussed in an informal manner, open for public review and covered on public access TV. Votes are very rarely taken at these workshops, but rather items requiring formal Board action are presented at a future Regular Board meeting, thereby allowing adequate time for obtaining additional information and gathering public input. Although this approach does take more time and effort, the results are more focused and enhanced by the opportunity for a better understanding as to the potential ramifications of decisions being made.

This year the focus of the Board has been on the state of our economy, maintaining appropriate levels of services being provided by our Town to our community and minimizing the impact on our employees and their families. Historically the Town has been forward thinking and judicious in the planning and implementation of our resources and investments being made in the level of provided services, infrastructure, financial resources and our employees. Town infrastructure has been kept current under the guidance of the Capital Improvement Program Committee's well-thought-out recommendations for future capital investments and related funding through the use of Expendable Trust Funds (ETF's) and long-term funding programs. Employing this approach the Town, has been able to keep our infrastructure up to date, more effectively control operating and maintenance costs, avoid large spikes in capital replacement, and benefit by substantial dollar savings. All of our recent projects – the Community Center, the Police Station and the Fire Station have utilized ETF's which were established early in the development stages. When it came time to begin these projects, sufficient funds had been accumulated for doing the engineering, architectural design, permitting, etc. With this approach projects went out to bid; then were presented to voters at Town Meeting having firm project scope, specifications and costs so that voters could make more informed decisions. The opportunities for "surprises" are essentially eliminated with this process. Similarly, when it comes to acquiring major pieces of equipment, the Town is placed in a much stronger position to negotiate a favorable price for such equipment, again being able to save thousands of dollars.

Our second major focus for 2009 was the successful search and hiring of our new Meredith Town Manager. The Board would like all of you to join with us and welcome our new Town Manager, Mr. Phillip L. Warren. Phil joined us this past Fall and by now many of you have had an opportunity to meet him. We all look forward to working with him into the future to keep Meredith the special Town that it is!

The Board and Administrative team, including our valued employees, efforts at monitoring and adjusting our 2009 municipal budgeted expenditures through this very challenging year have been painful but vitally necessary as it became very obvious that non-tax revenues, such as motor vehicle registration fee income, State revenue sharing funds, building permit fees, etc., were going to fall short of both State estimates and our original conservative budget estimates. Through the collaborative efforts of our Co-Interim Town Managers, Department Heads, together with our many dedicated Town employees, we all worked closely to " earmark " expenditures and projects that could be deferred or held to future periods, thereby effectively offsetting these revenue shortfalls.



## Report from the Selectmen continued...

Concurrently, the Town held the first open meeting in Belknap County with our County Commissioners in an attempt to help control the amount to be assessed Meredith taxpayers to fund County activities. Similar discussions were held with the School District for the purpose of possibly identifying avenues of mutual interest and cost savings.

Another aspect of the continuing poor economy is that communities are all struggling with declining real estate market values, which by itself has a negative impact on the local tax rate. With the great support of the Town employees and County officials, one of the desired goals of the Board was achieved – the amounts to be collected from property taxes for the Municipal and County operations were equal to or less than the prior year. Likewise, the Board is supporting the same budget objective during the 2010 budget process, all aspects have been considered: service levels; fee income generation; expendable trust fund levels; potential impacts resulting from deferring capital infrastructure improvements; and, holding wages at current levels considering the increases in benefit costs.

As residents of the Meredith community, we must realize that this approach is achievable largely due to having made sound prior years' investments and expenditures and with the knowledge that our local economy will improve. When the economy improves, we will need to continue to effectively control operating and maintenance costs and to judiciously begin to reinvest for the future and allow Meredith to continue to be that special place that we have all come to love, respect, enjoy and, that makes us proud to say we **"Live in Meredith"**.

To help guide us into the future, we are all very fortunate to have the number of sincere, experienced and capable volunteers to step up and work within the Community so that we may enhance the Meredith and Lakes Region community. Just to name a few Committees that have either just completed their charge or are working diligently on a major undertaking: the Fire Station Building Committee; the Water System Committee; the Water Shed and Water Quality Committees; the Town Manager Search Committee and the recently formed Local Energy Committee. Meredith has experienced many benefits from these volunteers through Committees, Boards, non-profit groups and individual efforts to improve the quality of life, provide services, add value and save taxpayers financially. Members of these and similar committees and boards, such as the Planning, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation, Recreation and others, all deserve a **"Hats off and a big, big thank you"**.

In closing, we wish to extend a special thank you to our Co-Interim Town Managers, John Edgar and Brenda Vittner, for their commitment, experience and leadership during much of 2009 and also a special thank you to the Town employees and their continued efforts to making Meredith, *Meredith*.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meredith Board of Selectmen

Peter F. Brothers, Chairman

Miller C. Lovett, Vice-Chairman

Robert C. Flanders

Charles G. Palm

Colette Worsman



# *EXECUTIVE SUMMARY*

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## 2009 Meredith Town Warrant

State of New Hampshire

### **TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Meredith Community Center, 1 Circle Drive, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next March 10, 2009, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots; and at 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on Articles 4 through 21.

### **BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:**

#### **ARTICLE 1**

To bring your ballots for:

Selectman - Two (2) for Three (3) years

Colette Worsman 598

Peter Brothers 672

Trustee of Trust Funds - One (1) for three (3) years

Write In - Barbara Clark 15

Library Trustees - Four (4) for Three (3) years

Rhetta Colon 595

Paul Eldridge 670

Duncan McNeish 630

Write In - Ann Butler 20

#### **ARTICLE 2**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, to (1) establish standards for determining the location of a zoning district boundary from the zoning map and (2) allow the owner of a lot split by a zoning district boundary to use each portion of the lot per each district's zoning or the option of utilizing the whole property for single and two-family uses under the zoning applicable to the larger portion by special exception?

Yes 595 No 206

#### **ARTICLE 3**

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Meredith on the second Tuesday of March?"

(Petitioned by 25 or more registered voters or 2% of the registered voters in town, whichever is less) (Passage requires an affirmative 3/5 majority ballot vote)

Yes 472 No 386

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Deliberative Session  
Wednesday, March 11, 2009  
Inter-lakes Junior/High School Gymnasium

Town Moderator  
Stephen Nedeau

Board of Selectmen  
Peter F. Brothers, Chairman  
Miller C. Lovett, Vice-Chairman  
Robert C. Flanders, Selectperson  
Colette Worsman, Selectperson  
Charles G. Palm, Selectperson

## **DELIBERATIVE SESSION**

Moderator Steven Nedeau opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and introduced the board and panel on the platform.

Peter Brothers welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief explanation of how the Board, the Interim Town Managers, and the Department Heads, and their staff worked very hard to come in with close to a level funded budget. Continuing to look at all of the aspects that were effecting the town with the decreasing revenues and other shortfalls the budget was again looked at and reduced to make the tax impact as close to the amount for the Town the same as in 2008.

Andre Kloetz brought forward a petition signed by at least 25 registered voters asking the Selectboard to explore a Charter form of government that may possibly give the Town an alternative to the current form of Town Meeting.

## **ARTICLE 4**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to donate or sell a .27 acre piece of property located on the corner of Westbury Road and Neal Shore Road and identified in the Town's tax maps as Map U1-Lot 1A, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may negotiate.

Peter Brothers made the motion to adopt the Article as proposed, seconded by Miller Lovett.

Leonard Campbell and Bennie Popek both spoke in favor of this article and would like to see it be used for affordable housing.

With a show of Voter Cards Article 4 passed in the affirmative.

## **ARTICLE 5**

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be by the qualified organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property?

Miller Lovett made the motion to adopt the Article as proposed, seconded by Chuck Palm. Pat Mack received the answer to her question that this was for property located in Meredith.

Conservation Commissioner John Sherman explained that the money would be coming from the existing operating budget, and not come from the taxpayers by way of Town Meeting request.

He further explained that this was for facilitating the purchase, and this is was more for clarification of the Law that already exists.

With a show of Voter Cards Article #5 passed in the affirmative.



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## **ARTICLE 6**

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(a) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body?

Chuck Palm made the motion to Adopt Article 6 as proposed, seconded by Robert Flanders. Several questions were brought up in regards to the property being outside of Meredith and that we as the Town would not have any control over it. A very lengthy discussion ensued about the positive and negative aspects if this article does not pass especially pertaining to property that is near Lake Waukewan which is the Town's drinking water.

With a show of Voter Cards Article #6 passed in the affirmative.

## **ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provision of RSA 72:62, the solar energy exemption from property tax, to adjust the exemption so that it is equal to the cost, including installation, of the solar energy system up to \$20,000 in value.

Roberts Flanders motioned to approve Article 7 as proposed, seconded by Colette Worsman. Several people spoke out against this Article and the next because they felt that it would be penalize people who spent more than the 20,000 for their system as well as not having a cap to the amount of years you will be receiving the exemption. Jim Commerford, the Assessor explained that as the law reads you receive the exemption for as long as the system qualifies. Other people spoke for it as the amount is limited only by what a person spends for the system they install.

With a show of Voter Cards the motion passed in the affirmative.

## **ARTICLE 8**

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provision of RSA 72:66, the wind energy exemption from property tax, to adjust the exemption so that it is equal to the cost, including installation, of the wind energy system up to \$20,000 in value.

Colette Worsman motioned to approve Article 8 as proposed, seconded by Peter Brothers. Don Ewing motioned to amend this to read a \$5,000, value, seconded by Bruce Hanson. A few people spoke against the amendment due to not giving anyone an incentive to want to install any of these types of systems.

With a view of Voter Cards the amendment failed.

With a view of Voter Cards the motion for Article 8 passed in the affirmative.

## **ARTICLE 9**

To see if the voters of the Town of Meredith will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) to benefit the Center Harbor Soup Kitchen, a Lakes Region community organization, housed at the Center Harbor Congregational Church.

(Petitioned by 25 or more registered voters or 2% of the registered voters in town, whichever is less) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1)

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## **ARTICLE 9** *continued*

Miller Lovett motioned to approve Article 9, seconded by Chuck Palm. Katie Small as co-chair for the soup kitchen respectfully rescinded their request for money. They were funded by the United Way for this year and will be in to ask for the funding in time for the next years budget. They appreciate all of the support that they received from everyone.

By a show of Voter Cards, the motion to rescind the request passed.

## **ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Downtown Parking Expendable Trust created in 1999. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund. Article #10 is contingent upon the affirmative passage of Article #11 and Article #12.  
(Majority Vote Required)

Peter Brothers motioned to approve Article 10 as proposed, seconded by Collette Worsman. Questions about the 2/3 vote required to change the use of an expendable trust fund was explained by Walter Mitchell that in order for the ability to utilize the funds separated in two different accounts was required in this matter by the Department of Revenue.

A lengthy discussion took place questioning why after all these years are going to dissolve the downtown expendable trust when we need parking in that area as well as in Prescott Park. Also clarification was made that if this did not pass then the next two could not go forth. It was further explained that this was proposed as a way to fund the Prescott Park project which is scheduled for this year without raising taxes and offsetting the budget as well.

The ballots cast were counted and the results were: Yes 130, No 9, Article 10 passed.

Colette Worsman motioned to restrict reconsideration of Article 10, seconded by Robert Flanders.

By a show of Voter Cards, the restricting of Article 10 passed.

## **ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Meredith Parking Expendable Trust, for the purpose of providing additional parking within Meredith and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance for this fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. This sum represents a portion of the amount from the discontinued Downtown Parking Expendable Trust in Article #10.

Consideration of this Article is contingent upon the affirmative passage of Article #10.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

Robert Flanders motioned to approve Article 11 as proposed, seconded by Miller Lovett.

Robert Kennelly moved the question.

By a show of Voter Cards, the question is moved.

By a show of Voter Cards, Article 11 passed.



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## **ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000.00), for the purpose of completing the rehabilitation of the Prescott Park Parking Lot. Said sum, is to come from the Unreserved Fund balance, which represents a portion of the amount from the discontinued Downtown Parking Expendable Trust in Article #10. Consideration of this Article is contingent upon the affirmative passage of Article #10

Colette Worsman, motioned to approve Article 12 as proposed, seconded by Chuck Palm.  
Robert Kennelly moved the question. By a show of Voter Cards, the question is moved.  
By a show of Voter Cards, Article 12 is passed.

## **ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Groundwater Source Study Expendable Trust, for the purpose of studying the possible alternatives for water sources within the Town of Meredith, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000.00) for this fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)  
Chuck Palm motioned to approve Article 13 as proposed, seconded by Robert Flanders.

Many questions were asked about how many phases that would be involved, as well as how many different studies on the Town's water supply has been done over the years. There should be about 11 phases, and this study is the first to involve the Groundwater. John Edgar explained in depth that we need to look at this in order to have an additional water source than what we have. Many people spoke for and against spending more money on water for the Town.

Brian Flanders moved the question. By show of Voter Cards, the question is moved.  
By show of Voter Cards, Article 13 passed.

## **ARTICLE 14**

To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Parks & Recreation Facilities Improvements Expendable Trust Fund, for the purpose of improvements to the Parks & Recreation Facilities within the Town of Meredith, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for this fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)  
Robert Flanders motioned to approve Article 14 as proposed, seconded by Peter Brothers.

The questions arose that we may not need all of these Expendable Trust funds, the economy is very tough and many people are struggling and this may not be the year for adding another fund.

Deborah Flanders moved the question.  
By a show of Voter Cards, the question was closed, and Article 14 passed.

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## **ARTICLE 15**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be added to the Water Improvements Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

Miller Lovett motioned to adopt Article 15 as proposed, seconded by Chuck Palm.

The question was asked as to why we needed to add this much to this account. The explanation was that the fund was reduced by \$310,000 for water activities leaving \$90,000 in the fund. The Board wanted to make sure that there is enough money in the account in the event that there is the need.

By a show of Voter Cards, Article 15 passed.

## **ARTICLE 16**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to be added to the Waterfront Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

Colette Worsman motioned to approve Article 16 as proposed, seconded by Miller Lovett.

The question was asked why the Board could not list these as a priority grouping such as must have, nice to have, would like to have. Miller Lovett explained that that was done prior to bring these forward at the Town Meeting. Peter Brothers explained that the best way to fund these projects rather than coming to the Meeting with a larger budget.

By a show of Voter Cards, Article 16 passed.

## **ARTICLE 17**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Main Street Rehab Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

Peter Brothers motioned to approve Article 17, as proposed seconded by Miller Lovett.

Steve Merrill motioned to suspend the meeting due to the late hour.

By a show of Voter Cards, the meeting will continue.

By a show of Voter Cards, Article 17 passed.



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## **ARTICLE 18**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Employee Benefits Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

Chuck Palm motioned to approve Article 18 as proposed, seconded by Robert Flanders.

No discussion. By a show of Voter Cards, Article 18 passed.

## **ARTICLE 19**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to improve various town roads that are eligible for 2 to 1 matching funds from the State Aid Reconstruction Program, contingent upon the receipt of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) of that amount from the State, with the balance of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be raised by taxation.

Robert Flanders motioned to approve Article 19, seconded by Colette Worsman

Peter Brothers confirmed the question of the 2 to 1 matching funds being available.

By a show of Voter Cards Article 19 passed.

## **ARTICLE 20**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Five dollars and fifty six cents (\$24,805.56) from the Cable Franchise Fee Special Revenue Fund for the necessary cable franchise operational expenses of the Town for 2009.

Colette Worsman motioned to approve Article 20 as proposed, seconded by Robert Flanders

No Discussion

By a show of Voter Cards, Article 20 passed

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## **ARTICLE 21**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Million, Three Hundred Eighty Three Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixteen Dollars and ninety seven cents, (\$ 12,383,816.97) for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget. This amount does not include all of the amounts raised and appropriated in previous warrant articles.

Peter Brothers motioned to approve Article 21, as proposed, seconded by Miller Lovett.

A request was made to have the operating budget show separately in order to be able to compare it more easily.

A show of Voter Cards, Article 21 passed

Colette Worsman motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Robert Flanders, meeting adjourned at 11:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri A. Parker  
Town Clerk



## Administrative Services

Administrative Services encompasses many functions:

Brenda L. Vittner, Director

### **Administrative Functions**

- Reception
- Annual Budget Preparation
- Purchasing Functions; RFP's and Bids
- Supplies, Equipment, Issuance of Purchase Orders, and Contracts
- Inventory Maintenance
- General Assistance
- Purchase Orders

### **Finance Functions**

- Accounts Receivable
- Accounts Payable
- General Ledger Maintenance
- Payroll
- Utility Billing
- Tax Collection

### **Technical Functions**

- Network Administration / Help Desk
- Web Development and Upkeep
- Maintenance of Tax Maps
- Telephone System Maintenance

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## Finance

Carrie Compton, Disbursement Accountant  
Linda Labraney, Finance Officer

The Administrative Department strives to ensure the expedient and accurate processing of the financial data, technical support and maintenance, and other administrative functions as listed above. The staff is dedicated to provide quality customer service to property owners/taxpayers, clients, vendors and other Town Departments.

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## General Assistance

Brenda L. Vittner, Director  
Linda Labraney, Finance Officer

During 2009, the Town of Meredith assisted over one hundred clients. New Hampshire RSA 165 requires each Town to assist people who live within their jurisdiction, who have no other means of support, who require temporary assistance, or whose bare minimum expenses exceeds their customary income. Following the Town of Meredith's guidelines, assistance has been granted for food, rent, heat, utilities, and prescriptions. Our General Assistance hours are 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, however in the event of an emergency, someone is available Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

## Assessing

Menta Martel, Assessing Office Manager  
Bettina Ford, Field Data Collector  
James Commerford, CNHA, Assessor

In 2009, the Assessor's Office updated the value of all properties within the town. It was the first update of values since the 2006 Reassessment. The town's total valuation declined by 6.1%. The real estate market continued to show declining values throughout 2009 with higher incidents of foreclosure. Overall, sales activity was down from 2008 even though activity picked up late in the year from September through December. As seen by the chart below Meredith sales are down 24% from 2008 with the median price declining by 9.65%. A point to remember is that assessments are set as of April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year and sales that occurred after April 1<sup>st</sup> were not part of the valuation update. According to statistics compiled by the New Hampshire Multiple Listing Service property values statewide have seen a 9.66% decline from 2008 levels. In Belknap County the overall dip has been 9.77%.

Year	# of Sales	Median Sales Price	Net Valuation
2008	148	\$243,500	\$1,940,881,763
2009	112	\$220,000	\$1,820,649,639
% Change	-24.32%	-9.65%	-6.1%

Also, at year end we have completed our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the five year re-inspection cycle. I would like to thank all taxpayers for their cooperation in this endeavor. We have begun Year 4 and will be concentrating our efforts in the areas of Route 3 South, Route 25, Veasey Shore, and parts of Meredith Neck this year. The objective of the program is to ensure data accuracy in our assessments and to eliminate the need for a costly revaluation every five years. If anyone has any questions regarding the cyclical program please call our office at 677-4213.

In 2009, the Department of Revenue Administration completed its Assessment Review of our office and its functions. Every five years they review six assessment areas: assessment level and uniformity, adherence to state assessing statutes, exemption and credit procedures, assessment data accuracy, assessment proportionality, and adherence to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) Standard 6. We have met all six guidelines of the review.

Please visit the Assessing Department Link on the Town's website [www.meredithnh.org](http://www.meredithnh.org) for information regarding tax abatements, credits and exemptions, access to tax maps, tax rate history, and a link to the online assessment database.

Respectfully submitted,

James Commerford, CNHA  
Tax Assessor



## Community Development

John C. Edgar, AICP, Community Development Director

Bill Edney, Code Enforcement Officer

Angela LaBrecque, Town Planner

Michelle Therrien, GIS Specialist

Mary Lee Harvey, Administrative Assistant

Chris Tivnan, Clerk

### Our Mission...

The Mission of the Community Development Department is to facilitate courses of action leading to positive outcomes in land use, natural resource conservation, transportation, housing, public health and economic development. The department strives to be comprehensive in its approach while promoting public participation, collaboration and informed decision making.

### About the Community Development Department...

The Community Development Department provides professional and administrative services in eight functional areas. These functions are both regulatory and non-regulatory in nature.

1. Long Range, Comprehensive Community Planning
2. Site-level Development Review
3. Capital Improvement Programming
4. Building Permitting and Inspection
5. Zoning Administration
6. Public Health
7. Code Enforcement
8. Mapping and Spatial Analysis (Geographic Information System)

**Long Range, Comprehensive Community Planning.** It is the duty of the Planning Board to prepare and amend from time to time a master plan to guide the development of the community. The master plan is a *planning document* and includes goals, objectives and a number of action items (recommendations) in different topical areas. Recommendations may be both regulatory and non-regulatory in nature. Much of the Department's energies are applied to a wide variety of efforts that when implemented, the goals of the community plan are advanced. The most recent master plan was adopted in 2002. In 2010, we will begin to embark on a full update process.

**Zoning Administration.** The broadly stated statutory purpose of *zoning* is to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the community. This is accomplished by guiding the location, type and nature of development in the community via a locally adopted *regulatory document* known as the zoning ordinance. The zoning ordinance includes a number of *zoning districts* and provisions which govern building heights, lot line setbacks, lot sizes, population density, land uses, the protection of natural resources, etc., etc. Zoning has existed in Meredith since 1971. The zoning ordinance is administered by the Zoning Administrator. Zoning-related appeals are made to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

## Community Development continued...

**Site-level Development Review.** The Planning Board reviews proposals seeking to: (1) subdivide land, or (2) develop non-residential land uses. This is accomplished thru regulatory authority enabled in state law. Public hearings are conducted by the Planning Board in each application. The Board strives to balance its public duty with applicants' property rights and the interests of those that are impacted by development. When all conditions imposed by the Planning Board are met, a project is then allowed to proceed to construction. In 2009 non-residential development activities included the following:

### Construction completed in 2009:

- o The Colony Club, an 85-unit senior living center located on Upper Mile Point Drive
- o Expansion of Forest View Manor, an assisted living facility located on Parade Road
- o Pine Crest Apartments, a 32-unit workforce housing apartment complex located on Boynton Road
- o Infrastructure improvements at Frances Court, a Manufactured Housing Park located on Boynton Road
- o Expansion of the Inter-Lakes Animal Hospital located on US Route 3

### Construction initiated in 2009, anticipate completion in 2010:

- o Winnepesaukee Playhouse Theatre (residential component), located on Reservoir Road
- o LRGHealthcare medical offices and clinic located on US Route 3 and Lower Ladd Hill Road
- o Acufab industrial building located on Reservoir Road
- o Satchel's Realty Trust 11-lot subdivision located on Meredith Center Road

### Approvals granted, construction not initiated in 2009:

- o Winnepesaukee Playhouse Theatre (theatre component), located on Reservoir Road
- o Expansion of Goldenview Health Care Center, located on NH Route 104
- o A mixed-use building (commercial space and apartments), located on Mill Street
- o A 12,000 square foot retail building, located on US Route 3 South
- o A 41 unit condo subdivision, located on Pease Road
- o Dobbins, Main Street

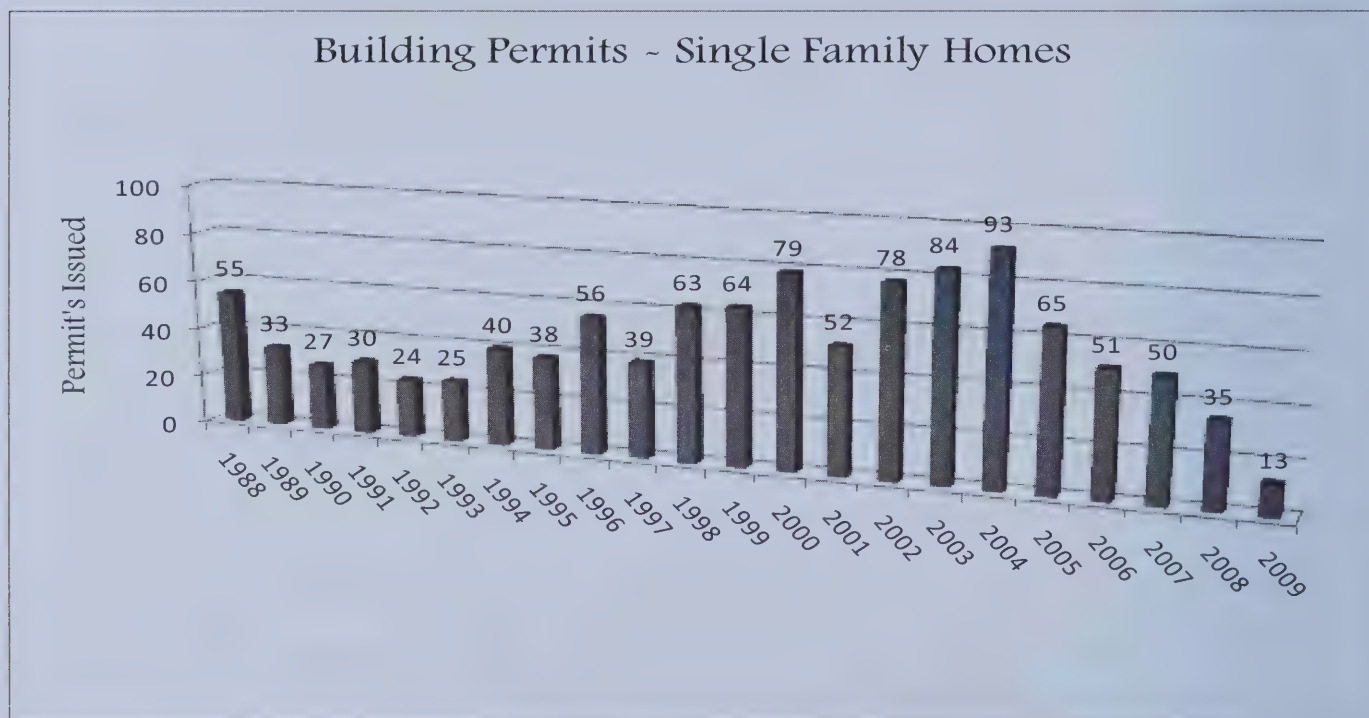
Seven (7) additional projects in the active discussion stage and may progress to an application before the Planning Board in 2010.

**Capital Improvements Program (CIP).** The Planning Board is authorized by Town Meeting to develop and amend a recommended program of capital improvement projects. The sole purpose of the CIP is to aid the Selectmen in their consideration of the annual budget by providing them with priority-based recommendations for capital improvements. The CIP recommends a program of municipal capital improvements over a 10 year period including projects such as major road reconstruction, sewer and/or water utility replacements, new public facilities, land acquisition, major equipment replacements, etc. Capital Improvements Program has been in effect since 1998. In many instances, implementing of the CIP serves to advance facility, infrastructure and conservation goals of the master plan.



## Community Development continued...

**Building Permitting and Inspection.** The Town of Meredith has adopted the International Residential Code governing residential construction. Commercial and industrial buildings are subject to the International Building Code (2006 edition). Building Permits are required prior to construction in order to determine compliance with the applicable codes. The Building Official is designated as the local authority to administer the provisions of the building codes. As one would expect, Building Permit activity was down in 2009. Thirteen (13) new single family homes were permitted in 2009. This is down from the (35) homes permitted the year before. Permits issued for single family homes peaked in 2004 (93) and have declined each year since.



### Planning Board Application Summary - 2009

Comm./Indus. Site Plan Approvals	13	Pre-Application Consultations	7
Home Occupation Site Plan Approvals	1	Scenic Road Tree Cutting Approvals	1
Subdivision Approvals	4	Architectural Design Reviews	8
Boundary Line Adjustment Approvals	3	Revocation and/or Disapproval	0

### Zoning Board Summary - 2009

Variance Applications	18	Special Exception Applications	19
Variances Granted	16	Special Exceptions Granted	19
Variances Denied	2	Total Applications Withdrawn	1
Rehearing Requests Received	1	Rehearing Requests Denied	1

## Community Development continued...

### Building Permit Activity-2009

New Single-Family Homes	13	Electrical/Plumbing	235
Two-Family Homes	0	Oil Burner	23
Multi-Family Homes (Condo)	32	Garages/Storage Buildings	29
New Commercial Buildings	4	Residential Renovations & Repairs	118
Special Use Permits	19	Commercial Renovations & Repairs	26
Mobile Homes	1	Docks/Boathouses/Repairs	6
Fences	6	Signs	26
Demolition	22	Driveways	32

**Public Health.** Responsibility for public health at the local level lies with the Health Officer. The Health Officer is state-appointed upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen. The Health Officer works closely with the NH Department of Health and Human Services on a variety of matters including pandemic planning, public health advisories, complaint resolution, day care licensing, and other public health related issues.

**Code Enforcement.** Code Enforcement is the compliance side of land use regulation. The Code Enforcement Officer is responsible for ensuring compliance with land use decisions, the zoning ordinance, building codes and health codes. Compliance measures may range from verbal directives to formal cease and desist orders. The Code Enforcement officer position encompasses the duties of the Building Official, Zoning Administrator and Health Officer

**GIS Mapping and Spatial Analysis** (Geographic Information System). The Town's GIS system combines features that have a location on the ground with attribute information about that place or feature. Computers are used to combine mapping with data for analytical purposes. The GIS function was transferred to the Community Development Department in 2009. Our GIS function supports internal customers including the Assessing Department, Community Development Department, Conservation Commission, Water and Sewer Department, Public Works and several volunteer committees.

In closing, I would like to share a few words about my staff and our volunteer committees. I am proud of the work of the Community Development Department employees. While the scope of our work varies greatly, each member of the department strives to maintain a high level of competence and professionalism together with an emphasis on customer service. Thank you Bill, Mary Lee, Chris, Angela and Michelle. As citizens and tax payers we are also blessed by dedication, expertise and effectiveness of our many citizen Boards, Commissions and Committees. Please take a moment to note in this Town Report the folks that have served in 2009 and read their activity reports. You'll note that the work of our volunteers is quite diverse and often forms the basis of future public policy in some manner. Yes our employees and our volunteers DO make a big difference, a huge difference. On behalf of the Community Development Department, I would like to say, Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,  
John C. Edgar, AICP



## Capital Improvements Program

The following is an edited version of the summary from the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) 2010-2019 adopted by the Planning Board.

Annually the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Advisory Committee reviews capital needs and recommends a program of capital improvement projects over a ten year period. The primary purpose of the CIP is aid the Board of Selectmen and the School Board in their consideration of the annual budget. As a preface to the following recommendations, it is important to note:

1. Capital Improvements totaling \$12,865,609 have been identified by the various town departments and the school district.
2. The total recommended CIP costs for 2010 is \$1,574,745. Existing debt service totals \$1,324,745 or 84% of the total CIP recommended costs for that program year.
3. In 2010, recommendations for municipal capital improvements supported by the General Fund, exclusive of debt service, total \$250,000.
4. The Capital Improvements Program Advisory Committee anticipates the 2010 budget will be a status quo year with no new programs, personnel or equipment. In order to meet the goals of the Board of Selectmen the Committee's 2010 recommendations are \$160,000 or 63% less than the Committee's 2009 recommendation.

Last year, the committee acknowledged that many capital improvements identified by various municipal departments required additional information in order to (A) further define project scope, (B) provide project context in relation to other departmental needs, and (C) develop cost estimates that the Committee can rely upon for programming purposes. Significant progress has been made toward the development of management tools to assist in the decision making process.

Road Surface Management System (RSMS) - the Department of Public Works is developing an inventory, assessment and prioritization tool known as Road Surface Management System (RSMS). RSMS is a comprehensive management system tool developed by the University of NH Technology Transfer Center to coordinate roadway improvements and maintain quality road systems through efficient use of labor, material and budget. RSMS will ultimately be integrated with our Geographical Information System (GIS).

Capital Equipment/Replacement Schedules - the Department of Public Works has developed a comprehensive equipment inventory including all capital equipment. A 10 year replacement schedule has been submitted to the CIP Advisory Committee.

Municipal Water System - The Water Department in conjunction with the Community Development Department has completed a draft water service area map that includes the location of the distribution system by pipe size and the location of 133 Town owned hydrants. This inventory information will form the basis of an MS ACCESS-based, GIS capable asset management program in the future. The Department will also be working to update a hydraulic model that will project impacts to the water works from either proposed development or municipal capital improvements.

Municipal Sewer System - The Sewer Department in conjunction with the Community Development Department has completed a schematic map depicting an inventory of 567 man holes and approximately 22 miles of sewer mains. This inventory information will form the basis of an MS ACCESS-based, GIS capable asset management program known as TEAMS (Total Electronic Asset Management System).

## Capital Improvements Program continued...

### Committee Recommendations...

#### Fire Department.

##### Fire Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund:

Recommendation: \$75,000 per year for years 2011 thru 2013

Rationale: The Fire Department has identified three major pieces of equipment for replacement over the next ten years. The ETF balance as of 9/30/09 is \$47,316. The Committee believes that it is important to re-establish annual set-aside funding for the replacement of major apparatus. Phil Warren, Town Manager advised the Committee that he will be working with Ken Jones, Fire Chief in anticipation of the 2010 CIP update/amendment cycle.

#### Department of Public Works.

##### Capital Equipment:

Recommendation: No funds are requested for 2010 by the Department of Public Works for Capital equipment. No funds are recommended for 2010.

Rationale: To meet anticipated budget constraints, the Department of Public Works has not requested any major equipment replacements in 2010. The replacement schedule resumes in years 2011 thru 2017.

#### Roads:

Recommendation: No funds (other than what is included in the DPW operating budget) are requested for 2010 by the Department of Public Works. No funds are recommended for 2010.

Rationale: Several roads identified by DPW are joint projects with the Water and Sewer Department and are therefore dependent on the completion of the on-going assessment and prioritization efforts.

Recommendation: \$35,000 towards the Main Street Rehabilitation Expendable Trust Fund established in 2008.

Rationale: This fund was created in 2008 and has a balance of \$25,000. The 2010 payment to the fund would be sufficient to proceed with survey and begin the design process.

#### Highway Garage Replacement:

Recommendation: Recommend establishing a new Expendable Trust Fund to be known as the Highway Garage Replacement Fund and allocate \$50,000 in 2010.

Rationale: The replacement of the highway garage was identified as a needed capital improvement by the Space Needs Committee in 2004. Establishment of the ETF will support efforts to further define needs, examine alternatives and begin to address future soft costs such as surveying, mapping, etc.

#### General Government

##### Waterfront Infrastructure:

Recommendation: Continue to fund the Waterfront Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund at \$35,000 per year for 2010-2012 as previously scheduled.

Rationale: The priority identified for this ETF is the repair/replacement of the docks at Cattle Landing. Estimated cost is \$135,000. The 2010 payment should be sufficient for DPW to bid this project in 2010. Phil Warren has indicated to the Committee the inventory of all waterfront infrastructures will be completed in 2010 in anticipation of the 2010 amendment/update cycle.



## Capital Improvements Program continued...

### Conservation

#### Open Space/Conservation:

**Recommendation:** No additional funds are recommended for the Open Space Expendable Trust Fund at this time.

**Rationale:** The Page Pond & Forest property was acquired in 2009. During this process, the Conservation Commission agreed to forego any requests for payments to the Open Space ETF for life of the loan. No funds have been requested by the Conservation Commission based on this commitment.

### Parks and Recreation Department

#### Recreation Facilities:

**Recommendation:** In 2009 Town Meeting established a Recreation Facilities Improvements Expendable Trust Fund and approved an appropriation to the fund in the amount of \$25,000. The Committee recommends allocating \$60,000 in 2010 for the purpose of making improvements to Childs Park located in Meredith Center.

**Rationale:** Childs Park is an important neighborhood park in Meredith Center. The committee feels that the timing of the project should be accelerated if possible recognizing there is community support for the project and that there will be a significant private fundraising component to lessen the amount of the project funded thru tax dollars.

### Water Department.

The CIP Advisory Committee was updated on the substantial progress made by the Water Department and the Water System Advisory Committee in bringing the treatment plant to full operational capacity. Although definitive improvement priorities and future plans are yet to be completed, the Committee continues to support the work being accomplished by the Department and the Water System Committee.

#### Water System Improvements:

**Recommendation:** Allocate \$100,000 in 2010 towards the Water System Improvements Expendable Trust.

**Rationale:** The reserves of the utility need to be replenished in order to be able to respond to unforeseen situations that may develop in the future and to address priorities that are presented during the 2010 budget process.

### Sewer Department

#### Sewer System Improvements:

**Recommendation:** Recommend establishing a new Expendable Trust Fund to be known as the Sewer System Improvements Fund and allocate \$75,000 in 2010.

**Rationale:** Two studies have been completed (Infiltration and Inflow Analysis, KVP, 2007 and Sewer System Evaluation Survey Phase 1, KVP, 2008) have confirmed excessive infiltration and problematic inflows within the collection system. It was recommended that 3900 feet of sewer be re-lined. The Department has also identified the need for an evaluation of the Route 3 pumping station. This initial deposit will enable the Department to begin to address these concerns.

# Water System Committee

The Meredith Water System Committee was formed in April 2008 at the request of the Board of Selectmen to advise them on a wide range of operational, planning and policy issues related to the Meredith Water System.

Current citizen committee members are Paul Anderson, Dan Cornelissen, Tim Goodheart, Jonathan James and Dave Thorpe, Chairperson. The Selectmen's representative is Chuck Palm and alternate members are Miller Lovett and Colette Worsman. Town Staff members are Town Manager, Phillip Warren, Water and Sewer Superintendant, Brian Carroll and Manager of Community Development, John Edgar.

The first year of committee work in 2008 was focused on assessing the physical system and determining its ability to supply the Town with sufficient, high quality water. With all critical operational problems now under control and adequate capacity available, our work in 2009 focused more on planning for the future and various issues associated with access fees and user rates.

Brian Carroll and the members of the Water and Sewer Department have made excellent progress on operational problems in 2009. In mid 2008 the water treatment plant was capable of delivering only about 63% of its rated capacity of 1 million gallons per day input and 900,000 gallons per day of finished water output. With extensive cleaning of piping, replacement of raw water pumps, upgrading of filter bed effluent piping and improvements to controls and operational practices the plant is now capable of over 93% capacity. With installation of new finished water pumps (which are on hand) and successful assessment of the capacity of the clear well the plant will be at full rated capacity in early 2010.

The plant's increased capacity, improved control systems and operational practices have allowed operating hours to be reduced dramatically. These reduced operating hours have produced significant savings in electricity and chemicals and allows maintenance activities to be accomplished during normal working hours. Brian's report will give significantly more detail on these and many more items.

Water consumption has decreased steadily during 2009. Average daily demand, maximum daily demand and unaccounted-for losses have all decreased considerably. Although very wet weather conditions in June and July accounted for some reduced demand, consumption in all other months of the year was less than the same months in 2008. Although this is a welcome trend, especially as it very favorably impacts future demand forecasts, it requires watching with some caution. Reductions in wasteful blow offs, more accurate record keeping, prompt and preventive equipment maintenance and more accurate metering are all good reasons for these improvements in consumption but more time is required to insure the favorable trends continue.

During 2009, in addition to the many operational and conservation accomplishments, the committee addressed short and long term demand vs. capacity, revisions to the Water Use Ordinance and Sewer Use Ordinance resulting in new access and service fees.



## Water System Committee continued...

Short term demand vs. capacity is reported in the Available Spare Capacity report. The rules for this report were formalized and the report was published several times during the year in coordination with Community Development to assess the impact of new property development projects. Long term demand vs. capacity was determined by utilizing a 20 year build-out estimate produced by Community Development and by extrapolating losses and peaking factors from past and current performance. Long term capacity vs. demand will remain an active agenda item for 2010 along with the need to estimate the capital requirements for a variety of development and growth scenarios.

The Water Use Ordinance and its fees and rates were badly in need of revision. The sewer ordinance and its rate and fee structure so closely resemble those regulating water that the committee was asked to revise the sewer components at the same time as the water items were revised. The use of the equivalent unit table was affirmed, updated and formally linked to the regularly maintained DES Daily Use Table. Access and service fees were revised and the ordinances revised to reflect these changes along with general editing. The recommended changes were reviewed with the Board of Selectmen resulting in their approval. Subsequently a public hearing was held and the revisions approved.

Plans are in place now to update the computerized model of the distribution system, assess the capacity and capability of the distribution system and complete the first two phases of a seven-phase ground water exploration study. These will both be completed early in 2010.

The committee's work next year will include overseeing the two projects above, finalizing the capabilities of the water treatment plant, determining an appropriate long term plan for the water system including the possible need for increased source and storage capacity, revising user rates for both water and sewer and making necessary revisions to the water and sewer ordinances. It is our goal to propose a complete and cohesive plan which provides for a self-sustaining utility for the foreseeable future and predicts capital requirements in support of the CIP Committee's work.

Contributions to this work by the citizens, selectmen and town staff members of this committee are greatly appreciated. Also very much appreciated is the dedication, spirit, positive attitude and attention given to this effort by the Water and Sewer Department employees – they have made, and continue to make, critical and valuable contributions to this effort and its results.

Respectfully submitted:

David Thorpe, Chairperson  
Meredith Water System Advisory Committee

# Village Pathway Committee

The Village Pathways Committee was charged, by the Board of Selectmen, with the goal of establishing a pedestrian plan for the Town of Meredith. The Pathways Committee has met for nearly two years to discuss walking and multi-use paths in town, including taking inventory of current paths and researching the feasibility of cleaning or creating others.

This year the Committee finalized the first step in the plan by creating a text and a map for existing pedestrian pathways in the village. The work was completed by members of the committee with additional help from the town's GIS specialist, Michelle Therrien who helped with mapping and location.

The walking map describes five paths with their location, length and level of difficulty. Pathways are rated as easy, moderate, challenging and more challenging. All paths listed in the report start from the town docks. The Village Pathways map is intended to be used by visitors as well as residents. Restrooms and public parking areas are identified on the map as well as other places of interest.

Distribution of the map report will be in early 2010 at the Town Hall, Community Center and other locations. The Committee plans to hold a "Walk Meredith" event in the spring for the community.

Future goals of the Village Pathways Committee will be focusing on identifying future connections and pathways.

The Committee hopes to establish, enhance and expand pathways to link recreational, community and other significant parts of Meredith.

Submitted by:  
Liz Lapham, Chairman

Members of  
Village Pathways Committee:

Ginny Lovett  
Dave Sias  
Ann Brienza  
Mark Donohoe  
Carol Gerken  
and Pam Coburn.





# Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee

Throughout 2009, the Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee continued to work to implement the watershed management plan approved by the Town of Meredith in 2005 for the protection of the Lake Waukewan and the watershed as a whole. The Committee has focused on action items from the plan which will produce the greatest level of protection for Lake Waukewan and the town's drinking water source, while being the most cost effective as well as the least intrusive.

The Committee has worked closely with town officials, staff and an industry expert to draft a health ordinance designed to protect Lake Waukewan from septic systems. A septic risk analysis of systems surrounding Lake Waukewan in Meredith identified 31 systems having a very high risk for contamination of surface water. Some of the factors considered in rating a system included the age and proximity of a system to the lake as well as the slope of the land. It is a challenge for towns utilizing lakes and ponds for sources of drinking water. The result of such contamination can add significantly to the cost of treatment of the lake water to meet federal drinking water standards. Once an acceptable health ordinance is adopted for Meredith, the WWAC will work with the other towns within the watershed to encourage the establishment of a similar protection to target high risk septic systems.

In 2009, a Lawn Care sub-committee was formed to work with local business leaders and the Town of Meredith to focus on a shift towards more environmentally sound lawn care so as to protect the quality of the Waukewan Watershed and other surrounding lakes within the Town of Meredith. Lawn care methods which eliminate or mitigate chemical compounds running off into surface water a major component of stormwater management which is a significant part of the Waukewan Watershed Management Plan. Representatives from town departments and some of the larger businesses in Meredith have been meeting monthly to prepare factsheets, press releases, FAQ's and community presentations to educate the public on environmentally sustainable lawn and landscape care.

The WWAC has been, for more than a year now, in support of an initiative being championed by the Waukewan Shore Owners Association to purchase approximately 8.5 acres of undeveloped property in the Town of New Hampton on the shore of the Snake River wetlands. This property has nearly 4,000' of shoreline along the west side of the Snake River. This wetlands complex is a critical component for the water filtration of the primary inlet to Lake Waukewan. The acquisition of this valuable parcel of land is additionally being supported by the Meredith Conservation Commission, New Hampton Conservation Commission. This project has recently moved into the fund raising stage. The WSOA is a non-profit organization.

Since its inception in 2004, the WWAC has been committed to the protection of the water quality within the Waukewan Watershed. The Committee employs four strategies to achieve its goals, Education, Conservation, Research & Monitoring and Regulation. The Committee encourages individuals who share a genuine concern for the protection of the watershed to sit in on a few WWAC meetings and consider joining the organization formally if you like what we do and how we go about it. If you'd like to learn more, you can read about the work of the Committee and the watershed management plan at the Meredith web site.

## US Route 3 / NH Route 25 Improvements Study

The Meredith US Route 3 / NH Route 25 Improvements Transportation Planning Study is a transportation planning study of the Route 3 corridor from Route 104 to Route 25 and the Route 25 corridor from Route 3 to the Centre Harbor town line. It is obvious to users of this corridor that traffic congestion is a serious concern. However, this study is looking beyond traffic and taking a broader look at how the corridor fits within the community. This approach, known as Context Sensitive Solutions or CSS, considers the context within which a transportation improvement project will exist. The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has embraced this community driven approach and has selected the Meredith US3/NH 25 Improvements Study as one of the pilot projects for the implementation of CSS.

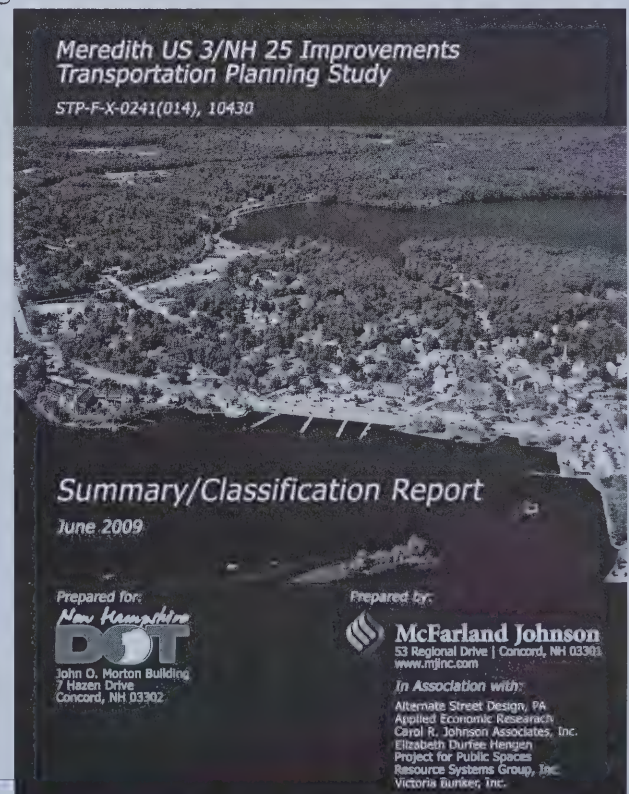
As reported in previous years Town Reports, there are many unique elements of the CSS Process. A Project Advisory Committee (PAC) was formed to ensure all aspects of the corridor would be considered. The PAC includes many members representing the Town of Meredith including town officials and citizens. In addition, members represent transportation and environmental groups. Over the course of the project the PAC met 26 times. In addition, several public meetings have been held to ensure all interested citizens had an opportunity to voice their opinions.

By the end of 2008, the PAC had created a Project Problem Statement, a Project Vision Statement, Alternative Screening Criteria, and a Range of Reasonable Alternatives. The Range of Reasonable Alternatives included fifteen potential alternatives and numerous components to deal with specific issues. The Reasonable Alternatives include several three lane sections along US Route 3 (one lane in each direction with a center turn lane), a two-lane section of US Route 3 (one lane in each direction) with no left turns and roundabouts at key locations, a bypass connecting Pleasant Street to US Route 3 north of the hardware store, and two alternatives for NH Route 25 heading to Centre Harbor. The alternative with the two-lanes along US Route 3 is called the Roundabout Alternative because it would result in a total of eight roundabouts on the Routes 3 and 25 corridors in Meredith.

The primary project activity in 2009 was to complete the Summary/Classification Report. This report documents all the activities and progress made to date and sets the stage for the next phase of the project, which will select a preferred alternative and clear it with an environmental document. The Summary/Classification Report is posted on the project website at [www.meredith3-25.com](http://www.meredith3-25.com).

The project website also contains all project materials, documents, presentations, figures, and meeting minutes. A comment/questions page is also provided to allow members of the public to submit their comments or questions to the project team.

Preparation for the next phase of the project is currently underway and is expected to begin in early 2010.





## Police

Kevin Morrow, Chief of Police

I would like to start the Meredith Police Department's 2009 Town Report synopsis with a very well deserved "thank you" to the residents of Meredith for their continued support. Without it, we could not do our job as effectively. 2009 marks our third year in the new station and we still continue to receive positive feedback from the community, as well as visitors. I still encourage Meredith residents to stop by for a tour and/or come by to voice your questions, comments and thoughts.

As I have the past, I would like to share with the community the Mission Statement of the Meredith Police Department:

**"The Mission of the Meredith Police Department is to prevent crime, preserve order and to protect the rights, lives and property of all people. We will work in partnership with our Community to identify and effectively respond to the divers, ever-changing social neighborhood problems and needs. We will do this with respect, fairness and compassion."**

Along with this are several main Department Objectives, which we maintain on a daily basis. They include, but are not limited to, some of the following ideas:

- ♦ to maintain the quality of life and reduce the fear of crime in the Community,
- ♦ a commitment to serve the Community of Meredith as law enforcement professionals, pledging to serve in trust and confidence; and
- ♦ to maintain a high level of Integrity, Partnership and Service.

The Meredith Police Department has assigned Officer James Brunt as the School Resource Officer. The SRO is a certified Police Officer, who also acts as a liaison between the school, the students, and community and the Meredith Police Department. Although the school has its own rules and regulations and Student Code of Conduct, crimes at the school are treated as they would be treated outside of school grounds. During the summer the SRO is placed onto patrol.

As always, I would like to address a few topics of interest and reminders:

- ♦ E911 Addresses: Please make sure that your street number is visible. This is for your safety and Emergency Response Personnel. Please remind your renters what their E911 address is.
- ♦ The Town of Meredith has an active Snow Emergency Ban, which means there is no parking on public streets between the hours of midnight to 6 am, starting November 30, and running through April 1.
- ♦ Also, please make sure that if you own a dog(s), all dogs need to be licensed with the Town Hall. Dog licenses are valid from May 1, to April 30, of the following year; this is a State Law, not just a Town Ordinance.

## Police continued...

The Meredith Police Department received three Grants from the NH Highway Safety Agency in 2009. They included:

- **Speed Enforcement Patrol:** This allows us to have extra Police Officers go into different areas of concern and focus on enforcing the posted speed in those areas. Common areas of concern include: Meredith Center Road, Chemung Road, Pleasant Street, Waukegan Street, and Routes 3 and 104. **DWI Saturation Patrol:** This allows us to have extra Police Officers to patrol the Meredith area to specifically look for and enforcing case of DWI.
- **DWI Sobriety Checkpoint:** The ultimate purpose of the Sobriety Checkpoint, which was conducted at the Meredith Town Docks on Route 3, is to screen and subsequently apprehend those drivers impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. In conducting this checkpoint, we utilized departmental assists from the Center Harbor, Moultonborough and Laconia Police

As always, I and the entire staff of the Meredith Police Department wish to express our gratitude for the support of the residents of the Town of Meredith. Our pledge to keep the Town of Meredith safe and to treat people the way we would want to be treated remains the same.

The following statistics provide a rundown of activity between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009:

S T A T I S T I C S	<u>Activities</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
	Calls for Service	15,406	14,134	13,180	13,668
	Motor Vehicle Warnings	5,677	4,260	3,601	2,869
	Motor Vehicle Summonses	204	148	263	238
	Arrests Felony Arrests	417/40	356	372	311
	Accidents	288	310	243	244
	Incidents	546	465	532	519
	Animal Calls				390*

\*(includes 19 cases of Dog Bites, 17 dogs & 1 cat taken to NHHS)



# Conservation Commission - Meredith

Once again your Conservation Commission had a busy year.

- ♦ The Commission had to deal with the loss of three long-term members with the passing of Bobbi Smyth and the retirements of Pauli Novicki and Terry Lance. We have been lucky to have several town residents step up to help fill the void.
- ♦ The Barbara R. Smyth Conservation Easement was accepted by Town. This conservation easement of approximately 150 acres, donated in memory of a beloved former member of the Conservation Commission, provides an important link between two Town Forests, Hamlin and Eames.
- ♦ The Page Pond & Forest Management Plan adopted. A public informational session on the proposed wildlife timber harvest in June. The harvest was begun in the fall of 2009 and completed in January of 2010. Funds from the harvest were used to repay Trust for Public Lands for those that TPL advanced to close the purchase. On July 11<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Page Pond and Forest by the Town was attended by several hundred residents and guests.
- ♦ Your Conservation Commission approved a Vision Statement for Management of Town-Owned Conservation Lands.
- ♦ The 186 Acre Town Forest Trails Day was attended by fourteen volunteers who gathered a small mountain of tires and vehicle parts during the cleanup.
- ♦ Three Invasive Species Workshops were sponsored by your CC, two for town employees and one for the general public. Work in this area will continue.
- ♦ We partnered with NH-AMC trails & local volunteers to rebuild a section of trail in 186 Acre Town Forest
- ♦ The Hamlin-Eames Trail Day drew seven energetic commission members and volunteers who worked on, among other tasks, removing trees and limbs around the parking area and weatherproofing the kiosk.
- ♦ The Natural Resources Inventory, Part II, was accepted by the Commission. It can be accessed on the Commission's website.
- ♦ The Commission's Outreach committee continues to inform the public through Facebook, volunteer email list, the town manager messages and newspaper articles.

Meanwhile the Conservation Commission continued to fulfill its other obligations. In addition to our scheduled meetings Commission members, alternates and other volunteers spent many hours 'in the field' monitoring your Town Forests and conservation easements held by the Town to insure the public's interests in these properties is protected.

# Conservation Commission - Meredith continued...

At present we monitor approximately 35 miles of boundaries. These properties range from as far east as Bear Island to as far west as Hermit Woods.

Your Commission reviewed 32 Dredge and Fill project proposals such as docks, culverts, beaches and subdivisions and provided comment related to the protection of natural resources; including wetlands, water, fish and wildlife and encroachments on the wetland buffer zone. Buffer zones serve an important function in protecting water quality and wetland dependant species as well as the functioning of the wetland itself. In addition we reviewed 39 applications to the ZBA.

Water quality continues to be a high priority for your Conservation Commission. Water quality testing, some of which is conducted by the Commission, indicates that most lakes and streams are of pretty good quality, but there are a number of indicators showing up that raise concerns in specific areas.

Respectfully submitted,

Don MacFarlane, Chair  
Ralph Pisapia, Treasurer

John Sherman, Vice-Chair  
Peter Miller, Secretary

Members: Bob LeCount, Paula Wanzer, Mark Billings  
Alternates: Jacquie Colburn, Dan Heyduk, Mark Tuckerman, Bob Davis

The fissure in this glacial boulder testifies to the power of ice to Fracture granite. Each winter, ice pressure will push the halves of the boulder slightly further apart.



Photo & text provided by: Peter Miller



## Fire

To the town manager, Select Board, department heads, municipal employees, citizens, fire department officers and members, I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks for the support, cooperation, and good working relationships I've experienced while performing my duties as our town's fire chief this past year. It certainly creates a positive atmosphere in which day to day department operations continue to move forward with high standards of performance and integrity with everyone focused on making Meredith a better place to live.

Back in mid April, the department was able to realize a long time dream for many of our past and present members. The renovations and expansion of the 58 year old Downtown Central Station were completed after many, many months of meetings, planning, design, and construction. Due to the generosity of Meredith's citizens, the leadership of our community's Select Board, the tireless efforts of the building committee, our fine team of architects, engineers, and builders, and the many extra hours put in by our department members, we are now blessed with a beautiful facility that should serve our community for many years to come. Our new building certainly improves our day to day operations, the housing of all our apparatus and equipment, our ability to facilitate training, and overall department functions to the fullest possible extent.

The new facility has allowed the department to implement a new live-in intern program in which students enrolled in the Lakes Region Community Technical College's fire science program can apply for a two year working internship in exchange for providing the department with a number of hours of weekly service. Although the program was initially questioned by a few, when the first two students arrived, the dividends from their presence began to pay almost immediately. Daily duties of facility cleaning, emergency response, department maintenance, equipment inspections and overall assistance in operations have been a huge help to the department. The interns have become respected members of our department and their 24 hour presence in the station very much appreciated. With the positive outcome realized with our first two students who will graduate this May, additional interns who were first year students were solicited for the spring semester. With a roster of four at our disposal, the many benefits of having such well trained young individuals ready for response at a very low cost to the town has helped our department maintain a fully trained and active roster for emergency response.

Also this past year, the department received its first aerial piece of apparatus, Tower 1. Funding over the past several years was set aside in an apparatus reserve account to allow for its purchase. Once the new station was completed, we gained the space required for housing this truck. Delivery was taken in early November after 18 months of researching, planning, and designing a piece of equipment to meet the current and future requirements within our department and the municipality. This piece will certainly enhance our fire fighter's safety, allow for advanced firefighting operations, and improve our rescue capabilities at future emergency calls.

As we all struggle with tough economic times, this department continues to strive towards providing the best service possible within its budget. If everyone would take an extra few minutes to conduct a fire inspection throughout their homes and insure annual maintenance is being completed with smoke alarms, co detectors, furnaces, and other heating appliances, it would greatly increase the safety of their families and help reduce the number of times we must respond to false alarms. If we can be of any help regarding fire safety in your homes, please don't hesitate to call.

## Fire continued...

And please remember to make sure that your house numbers are clearly visible from the street to emergency responders who might be trying to locate your home!

Listed below are the calls associated for the year 2009.

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Fire Related (structure, vehicle and brush)	8.80%	8.80%	6.80%	6.10%	6.70%
Mutual Aid (assisting neighboring towns)	9.30	10.10	12.70	8.90	14.40
Rescue (motor vehicle accidents, medical)	24.70	20.90	29.90	31.10	28.00
Public Assist (alarm activations, etc.)	57.20	60.20	50.60	53.90	50.90
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
<b>Total number of calls</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>389</b>

**“Fire Related”** calls represent all types of fires, including structures, vehicle, brush, etc. The majority of the fire related calls were brush and motor vehicle fires and in all cases, there were no personal injuries. As fuel prices increase, more people are considering alternative sources of heating their homes. Please use extreme caution if you are considering using an alternative source, for example before you light up the wood stove, consider having a professional perform an inspection to determine the safety of your intentions. We at the Fire Department are always glad to assist if you should have questions or would like a brochure on a variety of safety matters, such as fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, home inspections, etc.

**“Mutual Aid”** calls are those where a neighboring community has an emergency situation and due to the need for either additional equipment and/or manpower, requests the assistance of our Department. As a participant in the Lakes Region Fire Mutual Aid, we periodically are called upon to help our neighboring towns, as they in turn are called upon to help us in our time of need.

**“Rescue Calls”** nearly 80% of our rescue calls are for motor vehicle accidents. It is the responsibility of the Police Department to investigate the cause of these accidents; however, from our observations, the vast majority of the accidents that we respond to are caused by the lack of attention to the driving function, such as talking on a cell phone, driving too fast for the conditions, etc. So please drive safely!

The last category, **“Public Assist”** includes a large variety of call types such as fuel spills, downed power lines, alarm activations (smoke and carbon monoxide detectors), and good intent calls (typically these are calls where the caller thought that there was a problem, which ended up not being the case - if you care enough to call, care enough to investigate the matter, maybe you can help someone in need).



## Fire continued...

Generally, alarm activations are referred to as “False Alarms”, and are most often the result of a lack of maintenance, such as not changing batteries regularly or not having detectors serviced periodically. In most instances once an owner is made aware of the problem, it is corrected and repeat false alarms are eliminated. For those of you who have an alarm system that is monitored by an alarm company, please contact the Fire Department and discuss the advantages of installing a Knox box at the premises. This is a secure way to store a key to your premise and it greatly facilitates our Department in gaining timely access should you not be available to give us entry. Now that we have discussed false alarms, a question to ask yourself is: “How many alarm activations may **not** occur when needed?” For this reason, you should test your detectors to help reduce the possibility of one not working when it should. Most detector manufacturers suggest that a smoke and carbon monoxide detectors be replaced with a new unit every ten years – this is not a huge expense, and the alternative could very well be much more costly.

In closing, I look forward towards the challenges in 2010 as Fire Chief in the upcoming year.

Finally, remember **early detection in the form of smoke detectors save lives, check yours!**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth G. Jones, Fire Chief

## Forest Fire Warden

We continue working closely with the State of New Hampshire Division & Lands to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires. During this past year there were several hundred fire permits issued consisting of seasonal, three day and single day permits. Considering the actual number of permits very few incidents required the department’s response for incidents involving out of control burning or illegal materials. A number of calls do evolve from individuals reporting seeing smoke. A number of these type calls could possibly be prevented, especially during the winter months with snow cover in which a permit is not legally required. Please consider taking the time to notify someone at the fire station to advise of the intention to burn and specific location, it may help save tax dollars.

A reminder, that New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of any household waste. If you have any question you may call the station here or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. This past year we did encounter a wildland fire on Bear Island on Memorial Day. The point of origin identified the cause to be a tree being blown over, making contact with electrical wires and setting the top soil on fire. It was contained to roughly three quarters of an acre, mainly due to the response of island residents it preventing fire spread before departments arrived to contain and extinguish the fire. As in the past, fire permits here in Meredith may be obtained at the Fire Station downtown and Town Hall Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also permits are available at Meredith Center Store and Y-Landing Marina.

In closing, I would like to thank all the deputy wardens and citizens for taking the time with permits and education towards prevention wildland fires.

Kenneth G. Jones, Fire Chief

## Meredith Public Library

Thank you to our library patrons for another fabulous year at the Meredith Library. The staff has been working hard to develop new ideas to enhance library service and we can see by yet another busy year that you approve.

In the Children's Room Jessie Wright continued to provide outstanding programs including a Summer Reading Program with a traveling zoo, magician, story walk, musician and storyteller. She also started a Curiosity Club where each month children are invited to learn about a new topic. Her annual Haunted Library Scavenger Hunt and Gingerbread House Story time saw their usual high number of attendees. And she continues her usual programs such as storytimes and Bedtime Stories.

Karen Henchey our Young Adult Librarian has been working hard to bring teens and 'tweens into the library. She has developed programming for that age group and her summer reading program included weekly raffles with Library Bingo, a tie-dye party, yoga and astrology. She also had Guitar Hero parties and movie nights throughout the year as well as several read/eat-a-thons. For Halloween they carved pumpkins (some for the first time in their lives) and at Christmas they decorated cookies and made cards. Karen has also been leading a very popular weekly Tot Time which has developed a large following. Thank you to the Friends of the Meredith Library for sponsoring most of our teen programs.

Adult programming was also popular this year. Ann Butler continued her E-Bay classes, Judy and Erin had their monthly book clubs and Erin continued her monthly genealogy clubs and bi-monthly genealogy training. There were also special programs such as Gardening for NH Landscapes, Yoga Class, Author Luncheons, movie matinees, and a special presentation of *A New England Christmas* starring the Pontine Theatre Group. Thank you again to the Friends of the Meredith Library for sponsoring most of these programs.

The library also saw a lot of building improvements. Starting with a new furnace last year, we went on to refurbish our original windows in the old part of the library, removed our book drop in the front door, removed a leaky sky-light and patched up our slate roof. These improvements have reduced our energy costs this year and improved the look of the library.

The Friends of the Meredith Library have been working very hard to support the library. This year they have been feverishly uploading titles to abebooks.com for sale to benefit the library. Membership drives, regular book sales and the sale of copies of two DVDs donated by the Montana Family including *Meredith the First 200 Years* and *Close Shave* have also boost their revenue. We also appreciate all of the volunteer work they have done including maintaining the library garden, decorating the library for Christmas, maintaining the Costume Room, watering our plants, relabeling our fiction books and promoting the library in the community. Thank you so much to everyone for all you do for us! You are very much appreciated.

This year we welcomed a new staff member, Cherie Gable. Cherie helps out downstairs and in the Children's Room and is always busy with a project. We said goodbye to long time Young Adult and Technical Services Librarian, Joan O'Neil, who has retired and is enjoying traveling with her husband and visiting with her grandchildren. She still finds time to help us out at the library.



## Meredith Public Library continued...

On Christmas Eve, Assistant Children's Librarian Barbara Clymer passed away at home with her family surrounding her. Barbara was a fixture in the Children's Room for fifteen years and will be very much missed by her young patrons, their parents and library staff. Our prayers are with her and her family.

Erin Apostolos  
Library Director

Audio Visual Materials	32,242	Audio Visuals	1,169
Books	54,855	Books	4,307
Periodicals	2,050	Gifts	54
Costumes	717	Lost/Discarded	5,019
Interlibrary Loans	2,117		
Reference Questions Answered	2,710		
Number of Registered Patrons	6,518		
Passes to NH Learning/Recreation	123	Total Circulation	92,104
Internet Usage	8,452	Total Inventory	43,378



Barbara Clymer  
1949 - 2009

## Parks and Recreation

Vint M. Choiniere, Parks and Recreation Director, CPRP

Rick Desharnais, Program Director

Russell Weeks II, Maintenance Crew Chief

We would like to thank the many volunteers and sponsors who contributed so much to the success of our programs and activities in 2009. Thank you also to town and school officials, members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, Friends of Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Buildings and Grounds, Fire, Police, Water and Planning & Zoning Departments for their continued support of our activities.

Thanks also for the support and cooperation we receive from the Inter-Lakes Youth Soccer Association, Lakes Region Youth Softball League, and the Cal Ripken Youth Baseball League.

We would also like to thank our Parks & Recreation Department team members and Program Instructors who are all professionals in their fields. They take great pride in offering interesting and healthy recreational opportunities to our community.

### Facility Improvements and Projects

Major improvements were made to the Lower Prescott Park parking lot in 2009. Parking capacity was increased from 93 to 160, the treatment of surface water was improved, and drainage around the perimeter of the two adjacent ball fields was improved. These improvements were 95% completed in the fall and remaining work will be finished in the spring of 2010.

The Parks and Recreation maintenance team made many improvements to our recreation facilities in 2009. These included repairs to skate park elements, Prescott Park building improvements, infield renovations at the Prescott Park ball fields, improvements to the shower at Leavitt Beach, and the continued implementation of a comprehensive turf management plan to provide safe and high quality playing fields for a wide variety of user groups. Our goal is to provide safe, clean and accommodating facilities that our community can be proud of and enjoy for years to come.

### Community Center Flourishes

Although heavy demand for use of the Community Center was predicted prior to opening the facility in 2006, actual usage has surpassed expectations. Demand for the Community Center continued to rise in 2009. Along with many activities being offered by the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department, the Community Center hosted 30 different public service organizations on a regular and frequent basis for meetings, training sessions, public hearings, and presentations. These groups included municipal, school department, state, and federal agencies. The Community Center hosted 90 different non-profit groups in 2009 many of which utilized the facility on a regular basis. The Community Center also hosted 75 different private groups such as birthday parties, wedding receptions, family reunions, business ventures, and many others.



## Parks and Recreation continued...

The Meredith Parks and Recreation Department has registered 1,620 families for programs it has offered since opening the Community Center. In 2009 the Community Center received 6,284 registrations for the Parks and Recreation Department's high school and middle school after school "drop in" program, where children have the opportunity to choose their own activities in both the activity center and game room. A list of 2009 program participation numbers for activities offered by the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department is provided below.

Program	Participants	Program	Participants
5 Movie Night	300	Hershey Track and Field Program	31
Adult and Youth Tennis Lessons	17	Holiday Open House	100+
Adult Coed Softball	52	Ice Skating lessons	0
Adult Recreational Tennis	60	North Pole Calling	40
After School Program	45	Preschool Playgroup	35
American Red Cross Babysitting	26	Red Sox Trip	53
Annual Christmas Tree Lighting	100+	School Vacation Camps	134
Annual Easter Egg Hunt	200+	Senior Exercise	51
Annual Street Dance	200+	Skate Park Drop-Ins	1,000+
Boston Pops Holiday Concert	16	Snow Day Camps	0
Coed T-Ball	52	Snow Tubing Trip	40
Coed Youth Soccer	109	Summer Camp Can Do (Ages 6-14)	105
Community Center Drop-Ins	6,120	Summer Concert Series	1,000+
Counselor in Training Program	10	Summer Kiddie Can Do Camp (Age 5)	25
Fall Family Fun Fest	200+	Swim & Skate Trip	21
Family Entertainment Series	100+	Swim Lessons	95
Family Fun Night & Lot Dance	150+	Swim Team	11
Fun in the Sun Day	150+	Theatre Camp	47
Greetings from The Easter Bunny	150+	Water Carnival	100
Gunstock Ski Program	56	Youth Gym & Fitness	41

The Community Center has provided a wonderful gathering place for our community and for people of all ages to play, socialize, learn, make decisions, and plan for our future needs.

We look forward to working together with the community to help meet the demand and make the Community Center available to as many different user groups as reasonably possible.

As always I encourage you to get involved by sharing your thoughts and ideas with us and I look forward to working together as a community to provide quality recreational opportunities for all to enjoy now and into the future. Have a safe and healthy year in 2010.

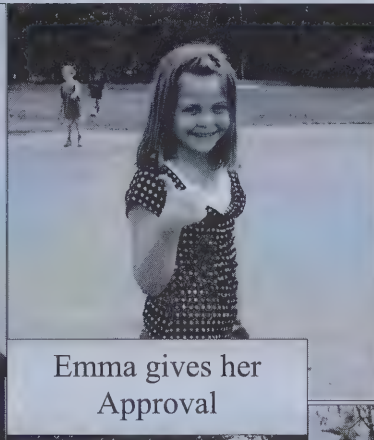
Sincerely,  
Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP  
Meredith Parks and Recreation Director



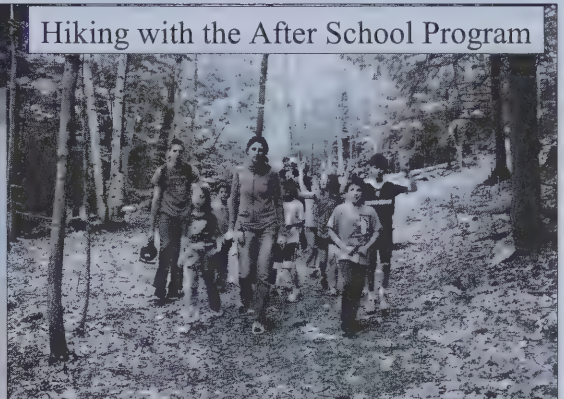
# Parks and Recreation continued..



Annual Visit from the  
Easter Bunny



Emma gives her  
Approval



Hiking with the After School Program



"1,2,3 Pull!"



Annual  
Skating  
Party



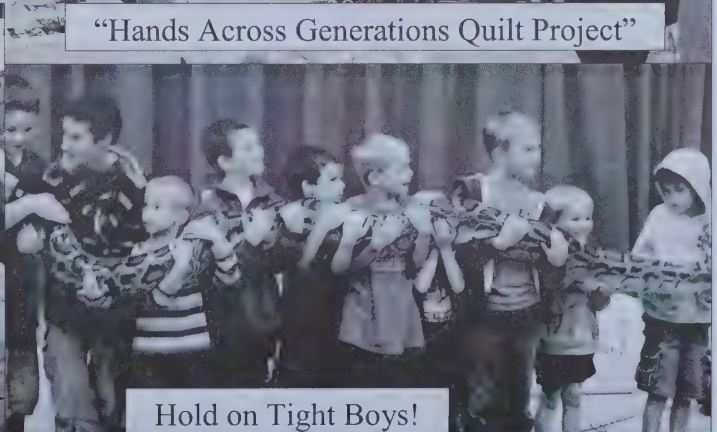
Parking Lot Improvements



"Hands Across Generations Quilt Project"



After School Program  
Moulton Farm  
Hayride



Hold on Tight Boys!



## Public Works

**Highway:** The winter of 2008-2009 had plenty of snow, pressing the crews into service plowing and sanding 32 times and performing in town snow removal five times. Budget restraints prevented the department from doing our scheduled resurfacing projects. Several roads that were on the schedule have been deferred to later years. We did, however, complete two major roads projects in 2009: Phase I and Phase II of the Batchelder Hill Road paving project and the Old Center Harbor Road rebuild (including the addition of ten catch basins and under drains) were completed. The paving was put out to bid and GMI won the bids for both projects. Our concentration was maintenance plus we did a lot of tree and brush trimming and drainage ditching. Heavy rains in the early Fall were a challenge but we did manage to apply gravel and grade our extensive gravel road network. With no budget for new equipment for all departments, our mechanics were kept very busy working on all the town vehicles and keeping them in good condition.

**Solid Waste:** Residents of Meredith and Center Harbor continued their recycling efforts resulting in the recycling of 2,407.81 tons of trash, 1,144.97 tons of construction demolition, 121.5 tons of cardboard, 113.14 tons of newspapers and 21.5 tons of tin cans. As the markets were low for glass, we continued to run the glass through our crusher and mix it with our gravel, extending our gravel supplies for drainage and road work. Plastic was ground up and baled and sent to market. Due to declining plastic markets we still try to recycle and find revenue sources. The Buildings and Grounds Crew took down the old, cracked and faded SW entrance sign and replaced it with a newly repaired and painted sign.

**Buildings and Grounds:** We continue to look at areas where we can conserve energy-from burning fuel to electricity usage. Previously, we made huge strides with changing out all town buildings high wattage lighting to low wattage CFL's. In 2009, all floodlights and walkway bollards in Hesky and Scenic Parks were changed from regular efficient CFL's to the new High Performance, low wattage CFL's. In our lawn equipment we have added a fuel additive that helps the two stroke machines burn more effectively with less exhaust smoke. All town buildings that utilize seasonal air conditioner units had their windows sealed with energy saving window insulation and we made sure all units were turned off nights and weekends. A meeting was held with the NH Electric Coop to perform energy audits on the town buildings to see what additional measures can be taken to conserve more energy.

**Cemetery:** The Village cemetery had 30 burials: 11 full burials and 19 cremation burials. One-2 Grave lot and Five 1 Grave Lots were sold. The Cemetery crew kept up all the regular maintenance on the grounds, stones and memorials in the Route 3 Village Cemetery and the Lang Street Cemetery, and performed brush cutting, weed whacking, monument cleaning and stone wall repairs and maintenance on many of our 89 small outlying cemeteries. The crew also cleaned out the Dudley Leavitt Cemetery located on the newly acquired Page Pond conservation property.

**Public Works Office:** The office processed 383 work service requests (96 for Highway and 287 for Buildings and Grounds), 29 new driveway permits, 40 facility use permits, two special use permits, 35 load limit permits, one roadway opening permit, and 14 logging bonds for Intent to Cuts. Our office is open Monday to Friday, from 8am to 5 pm for residents to call or come in for assistance with their needs or to request services from any of our four divisions. A new Road Surface Management System software program was implemented at the end of the year and will be very useful to the Director in tracking, planning and scheduling the maintenance and repairs of our town infrastructure. Everyone in the Department appreciates the support and cooperation of our residents and taxpayers throughout the year.

## Town Clerk

Kerri A Parker, Town Clerk

Julie Choiniere, Deputy Town Clerk

Vikki Fogg, Assistant

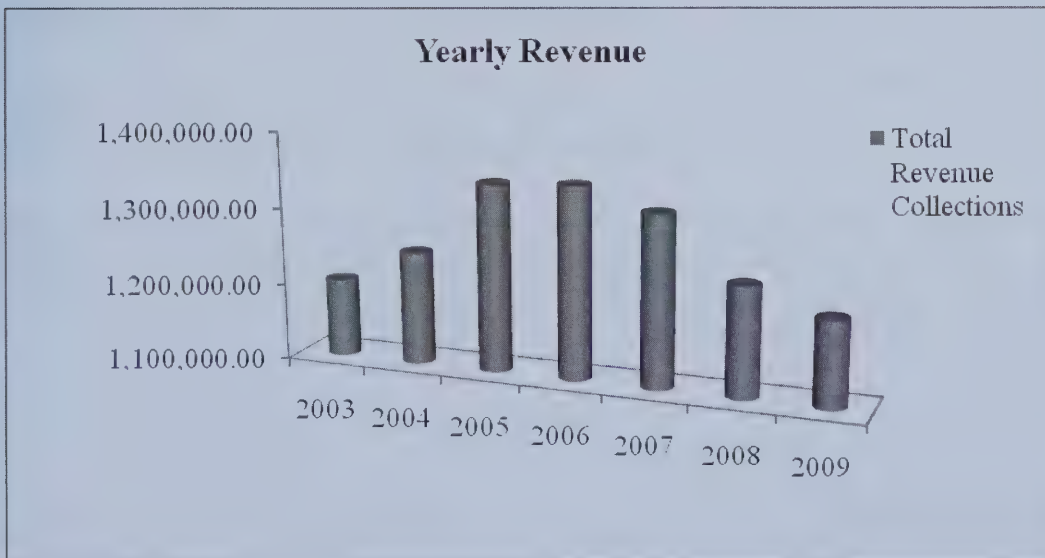
2009 has been a very challenging year. The economy has shown to be a challenge for the department as it has seen its share of decreased revenue. Some residents have been trading in their more expensive vehicles for inexpensive models.

As of September 1, 2009 residents of the Town of Meredith can now renew registrations online by going to the link on the Town of Meredith website and clicking on the Moose plate that says "E-Reg". Although this does charge a fee for the convenience of processing the registrations in this manner it is another way other than mailing for the residents who have a full schedule the opportunity to renew their registrations. More items to be renewable by mail soon.

We continue our education by attending conferences and meetings to stay up to date with the changes in the laws of this State to continue to meet the needs of the community and to institute any programs that would be a benefit to the residents.

The 2009 Town Clerk Department Collections were as follows:

Motor Vehicle Registrations (8,640)	\$1,184,718
Dogs (1,108)	8,100
Vital Records (922)	10,714
Marriage Licenses (82)	4,275
Miscellaneous (Includes (UCC Filings, Aquatherm Permits, Copies, Dredge and Fill Permits, Mailings, Notary and Justice Fees.)	4,379
<b>Total Revenue Collected</b>	<b>\$1,212,186</b>





## Water and Sewer

Staff: Brian Carroll, Lee Bavis, Chuck Wade, Nick Schwarz, and George Phinney

This past year has been very active and rewarding for the Water & Sewer staff, the major accomplishments of this department are as follows...

1. The members of the staff are now all certified operators in Water Treatment Plant and Distribution.
2. Major upgrades include:
  - Replacement of two of three raw water pumps.
  - Replacement of two of three finished water pumps.
  - Replacement of two of three raw wastewater pumps.
  - Cleaning of both raw and finish water piping.
3. Significant increase in plant capacity allowing a reduction in operating hours.

The Water Treatment Plant consistently produced high quality water that met or exceeded water quality standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

The major achievement during 2009 was an increase of 31% in plant capacity which, when combined with a 22% reduction in water demand allowed the treatment plant operating hours to be reduced by 41%. Total flow for 2009 was 94,843,000 gallons compared to 121,935,000 gallons in 2008. Plant run time was 2,812 hours in 2009 versus 4,746 hours in 2008. Corresponding reductions in electrical and chemical consumption were also achieved reducing operating costs.

These benefits were due to replacement of worn equipment, better maintenance practices, increased operator training, improved operating procedures and reduction in water waste.

Our Wastewater Collection System may be the most overlooked service the town provides. While they usually aren't given much thought by the average resident, their failure can have drastic consequences. Meredith's system operates under a permit from the United States Environmental Protection Agency that requires regular maintenance and inspection in order to prevent failures. One of the major problems is the Fats, Oil, & Grease (FOG) that is entering our collection system. We ask that everyone both residential & commercial make an effort not to dispose of their "FOG" by dumping it down their drains.

I would like to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication toward improving and maintaining our water and wastewater systems. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Water System Committee for their support, input and suggestions. This Department welcomes suggestions and comments that will help us serve you the customer better.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Carroll, Superintendant

## American Legion Griggs/Wyatt Post 33

### Legion Officers

Bob Kennelly, Commander   Doug Bolinder, Sgt-at-Arms   Ben Wyatt, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
Michael Gould, Judge Advocate   Nat King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander   Henry Hall, Chaplin  
Ryan Linke, Adjutant   Timor Morrill, Historian   Herb Vadney, Finance Officer  
Chuck Thorndike, Commander Honor Guard

### Ladies Auxiliary Officers

Robin Linke, President   Amanda Rice, Treasurer   Billie Jo Furbish, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Kay Kennelly, Historian   Jeanne Almieda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President   Mary Ballou, Sgt-at-Arms  
Karen Casazza, Secretary   Fran Milliken, Chaplin

### Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) Officers

Jim Hurd, Commander   Neal MacDonald, Chaplin   Jeff Wyatt, Sr. Vice Commander  
James Hurd, Historian   Ron Linke, Jr., Jr Vice Commander   Eric Riley, Sgt-At-Arms  
Barry Weeks, Treasurer and Adjutant

The Post has been at 6 Plymouth Street for over 80 years and is one of the most consistent parts of Meredith history and as such we are committed to putting Veterans and the community of Meredith first. We have about 250 Legion members, about 120 Ladies Auxiliary members and about 55 S.A.L. members. All three organizations work together to try to make our Post a well run one. We have a canteen that is open to members and their guests 7 days a week with different operating hours every day. Our meetings are held at 7PM the first Tuesday of every month except July and August.

We work with the youth of the Meredith area through the schools, the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department and the Santa Fund.

We hope to get area residents interested in our activities which are as follows:

The Fishing Derby in February   Memorial Day   The Fourth of July  
Meredith Home Day and Fine Arts & Crafts Festival in August  
The Annual 9/11 Ceremony and Tribute   Halloween   Veterans Day   Thanksgiving  
Christmas   New Years Eve and New Years Day

Please check the Meredith News, Laconia Daily Sun, the Laconia Citizen or at the Post for dates and times. Post phone number is 279-8503.



### **Child and Family Services**

2009 marked the ninth year of the merger between Lakes Region Family Services and Child and Family Services of New Hampshire, bringing additional family preservation and children's services to Meredith residents.

In 2009, Child and Family Services provided 421 hours of direct service to 29 residents of Meredith and two weeks of overnight summer camping for one child. Thanks to support from the Town of Meredith along with other charitable dollars and grants, we are able to provide these services, without regard to income. The funding provided by the Town of Meredith mainly supports our Family and Children's Counseling program, but makes it possible for us to offer a range of services to residents with a variety of needs, on a sliding scale that is affordable. No one who needs service is turned away for financial reasons.

This year services requested by residents included: school based- substance abuse assessment, intervention and treatment for 7 adolescents, family and children's counseling for 5 families, home based, family stabilization/foster care services for two families and Tracking services for 4 youth who had come to the attention of the court system. In addition the Agency assisted one family through the Adoption process. Every dollar the community invests in Child and Family Services results in \$4.00 dollars in services delivered to the community. We continue to count on your help to be able to offer a full range of quality, professional services to children and their families who otherwise could not afford them.

On March 31, 2009, we again held our annual Children's Issues Symposium in Meredith, hosting 220 professionals at Church Landing for a full-day in-service training program presented by noted author, lecturer and adolescent specialist, Dr. Robert Brooks who spoke on working with the Angry Child. These annual seminars provide mental health, education, social services, medical professionals and youth workers with valuable, affordable continuing education training opportunities without going to costly out-of-state conferences and help make the Lakes Region a destination point for high quality professional training.

The staff of the Agency rely on the assistance of its Lakes Region Advisory board to understand the unmet needs of the communities we serve. Board members are representative of communities throughout the Lakes Region. If a Meredith resident is interested in serving on our local board, please contact us for more information. Our Lakes Region office is located at 95 Water Street in Laconia, telephone number: 524-5835. For more information regarding our programs, visit our website at [www.cfsnh.org](http://www.cfsnh.org).

# Belknap County CoRe Coalition

Community Response to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among youth in Belknap County

On behalf of the Belknap County CoRe Coalition, I would like to express my gratitude to the Town of Meredith and community members for your continued support of CoRe. The Belknap County CoRe Coalition is dedicated to providing substance abuse prevention education, leadership opportunities, and positive role modeling to youth and their families in Belknap County. Funding from the Town of Meredith enables the Coalition to provide community specific activities for youth of the Inter-Lakes School District. In 2009, funds enabled CoRe to support activities such as After-Hours youth bowling, making hot/cold pack for cancer patients, ice cream and pizza socials, Inter-Lakes Chem-Free After Prom Mount Washington Cruise Ship activity, the annual CoRe Fall Festival and teen dance, and the annual Believe in Books Polar Express community service project.

CoRe hosted a bowling activity with the After-Hours group and all interested Inter-Lakes youth in March with 28 youth attending. A major activity was the Inter-Lakes Senior Chem-Free After Prom Mount Washington Cruise Ship activity. Inter-Lakes youth set sail after the prom for an all night adventure on Lake Winnepesaukee. This was the first time that the Inter-Lakes Chem-Free Committee, a parent volunteer organization, hosted an all-night activity and CoRe was supportive of their decision to do so. The event was very successful and youth, although weary from staying up all night, had a great time!

CoRe hosted the annual Fall Festival in collaboration with the Inter-Lakes Athletic Department on September 19, with the dance the following week. The 2009 Fall Festival was huge success with numerous prevention activities and youth activities with more than 300 youth and families attending. Highlights of the event were the golf cart demonstration where youth were able to physically drive the cart through an obstacle course wearing Fatal Vision Goggles with New Hampshire Liquor Enforcement staff in the passenger seat. The same youth would also have to perform a series of activities typically associated with measuring “under the influence” during a traffic stop, such as walking a straight line and performing various sobriety checks. Another highlight was with Moultonborough Police Department and their Drug Dog, Rory. Youth and families enjoyed a training demonstration of Rory’s techniques of assisting his officer and finding hidden drugs. Youth also participated in the fourth annual Believe in Books Polar Express community service project. This magical event had 47 Inter-Lakes youth sign up, but another school activity caused conflict and only 29 youth were able to attend. Youth dressed as Elves to greet children and families arriving by train to visit Santa at the North Pole! Many of the youth involved with Polar Express are also members of the After-Hours Youth Group at Inter-Lakes High School. This group participates in a variety of prevention and community service activities and they are currently planning emergency packs for victims of domestic violence or displaced children and adults as well as hot/cold packs for cancer patients for area medical centers. Youth also enjoyed numerous pizza and ice cream socials during the school year. The After-Hours group has many more activities planned and you can view pictures of these and other events on our web site at [www.interlakes.org/core](http://www.interlakes.org/core) as well as obtain valuable prevention resource information.

The Belknap County CoRe Coalition greatly appreciates the continued support from the Town of Meredith. In an effort to provide increased prevention education, CoRe also continues collaborative efforts with area partners to offer a variety of opportunities for youth as a whole in Belknap County. We invite community members to attend our general coalition meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Laconia Police Department Community Room, 7:30-9:00AM

Respectfully,  
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PH: 603-279-5305 FAX: 603-279-3044  
**Youth is our communities most valuable resource!**



## *SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES*

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Community Health & Hospice (CH&H) is a non-profit homecare, hospice and community service agency serving all of Belknap County and several surrounding communities. We provide home based medical and supportive care using highly skilled licensed and certified professionals through our four programs: Homecare, Hospice & Palliative Care, Young Family Pediatric Care, and Senior Support Services. CH&H is the regional provider of non-profit hospice services, infusion therapy and child & family home & community health services. The organization is licensed by the state of New Hampshire, certified by Medicare and Medicaid and accredited through the Community Health Accreditation Program.

Although some services receive reimbursement from Medicare and private health insurance companies, others are dependent on community and grant support. In particular, our Pediatric, Senior Support Services and Hospice & Palliative Care Programs rely on charitable contributions in order to be sustained. In addition to town funds, we receive funds from the Lakes Region United Way and local community service groups. We also conduct a number of fundraising activities to supplement those donations and maintain these services in communities.

**Visit Data:** During year 2009, CH&H provided 317 Meredith residents with 2192 in-home visits by professionals or support service workers and 97 vaccine services to children and adults. Last year saw a particularly significant increase in palliative care/hospice services, with over 600 visits given to Meredith residents at the end of life. Over 200 visits were made to families with young children to connect them with a medical home, to provide healthcare or to offer screening and parental guidance. Finally, nearly 400 visits were made to the elderly to help maintain them in a home setting rather than transfer to a nursing home.

Community Health & Hospice staff are active in the regional emergency planning initiatives and are key players in the regional response to H1N1 Vaccine distribution in the area.

It continues to be a privilege to provide services to Meredith residents, and we are grateful for the support provided by the town to enable us to carry on these health-related community functions.

Submitted by:  
Margaret Franckhauser, Executive Director

# Emergency Management

Kevin A Morrow, Meredith Emergency Management Director

Peter Russell, Assistant Emergency Management Director

After 25 years of service, Steven Bennett stepped down from being the Town of Meredith Emergency Management Director. Mr. Bennett also has dedicated 40 years to the Meredith Fire Department and still is an active member. It has been a true honor and pleasure working with Steve. I usually do not speak for other people but I believe the Town of Meredith would say “Thank you Steven” for your commitment and time to help make Meredith a safe place to live.

2009 was a very active year for members of the Emergency Management team. The H1N1 Flu came to the U.S. Working with Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health, a number of H1N1 free flu clinics in Belknap County was held. While these clinics provided a service to our residents, it also served as a test for emergency management plans. We have planned for this event which might require widespread vaccinations. Every time we did a clinic, the Emergency Management Team learned more how to improve our plans.

**Helpful Hints –Take these steps to protect your health:**

Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.

Wash your hands often with soap and water.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

Stay home if you are sick.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan serves as a means to reduce future losses from natural or man-made hazard events before they occur. With the assistance of the Lakes Region Planning Commission, work has been completed for the update to the Meredith Hazard Mitigation Plan to bring it up to the new standards set by the State of New Hampshire and FEMA.

Meredith Emergency Plans serves for the preparation and emergency response required by the Town to react to any type of emergency situation. With the assistance of Lakes Region Planning Commission, we will have a completed plan by June, 2010.

On behalf of Peter Russell and myself, I would like to thank the community for all their help and patience, assisting the Town and our neighbors to get through the many incidents that burdened us over the past year.



# SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

## Genesis



One Life. One Family. One Community.

To the Residents of Meredith:

### **Thank You for Supporting Genesis Behavioral Health!**

The appropriation that we received from the Town of Meredith's 2009 budget has helped us to cover the costs of providing emergency mental health care to residents of your town.

During Fiscal Year 2009 (ending June 30, 2009), a total of **163 Meredith residents** came to Genesis Behavioral Health seeking help for their mental health problems. Their ages break down as follows:

<b>Age Range</b>	<b>Number of Clients</b>
Ages 1 – 17	51
Ages 18 – 59	96
Age 60 and over	16
Total	163

The mission of Genesis Behavioral Health is to provide direct services that enhance the emotional and mental health of our communities. Our staff is accountable for placing individuals on the path to recovery from mental illness and aiding them in their daily lives throughout the process.

We specialize in individual and group counseling and psychiatric services. We work with our most persistently ill patients on basic life skills such as public interaction and stable employment. We help parents and children to foster strong family relationships. Working with local police and fire departments, we provide emergency services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to residents of any age who are going through a mental health crisis. We provide emotional support to the community in the wake of a tragic event.

Funding from the Town of Meredith has helped to support our work with children, families and adults. The services provided by Genesis Behavioral Health help improve the quality of life for so many, and yet are rarely covered by insurance plans or state programs. On behalf of all of the individuals we serve, we thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret M. Pritchard".

Margaret M. Pritchard  
Executive Director

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# The Greater Meredith Program

*Accredited National Main Street Program ~ Outstanding Main Street Community 2005*

The Greater Meredith Program (GMP) is a non-profit community development organization dedicated to enhancing economic vitality, historical and cultural preservation and town-wide beautification. Led by a volunteer Board of Directors, GMP uses *The Main Street Four-Point Approach®* as a foundation for its local initiatives. *The Main Street Approach®* is a community-driven way to address the variety of issues and problems that challenge business districts. GMP operates with four sub-committees, which correspond to each of the four points of *The Main Street Approach®* - Organization, Economic Development, Design and Promotion. Each committee is comprised of dedicated community volunteers. These committees (or four points) work together to build a sustainable and vibrant community. The committees (*with recent highlighted events and projects*) are listed below:

**ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE:** *Raises money for GMP, manages staff, volunteers and finances. Promotes GMP internally and externally.*

- ♦ **CANOE RAFFLE:** *A handmade wooden strip canoe, built by board member Bill Vecchio, was the grand prize in a raffle this summer that raised over \$4,400 to support the Career Partnership Program.*
- ♦ **TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT! GAME SHOW “FUN RAISER”** *to support many projects & programs of GMP.*
- ♦ **HOLIDAY GREETING CARD SALES:** *Original watercolors painted by board member, Christine Hodecker. All proceeds from the card sales will benefit GMP.*

**COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** *Strengthens the community’s existing economic assets while expanding and diversifying its economic base. Identifies new market opportunities, stimulates property investment in the community.*

- ♦ **CAREER PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:** *A public/private partnership between GMP and the Inter-Lakes School District, giving students an opportunity to make connections with local businesses and exposure to future careers through internships and job shadow programs. In 2009, 20 students were placed in internships and 25 completed job shadows.*
- ♦ **MEREDITH BUSINESS AMBASSADOR RESOURCE GUIDE:** *Local businesses received this binder to educate themselves on all our town has to offer. The guidebook was designed to be a resource for visitors and make recommendations on local establishments to encourage “buying local.”*
- ♦ **TOM SHAY – PROFITS & PLUS SEMINAR:** *GMP hosted two workshops and mixer for the business community in November.*

**DESIGN COMMITTEE:** *Gets the district into top physical shape to convey a positive visual message. Design activities include instilling good maintenance practices in the commercial district, enhancing the physical appearance of the district by rehabilitating historic buildings, encouraging appropriate new construction, developing sensitive design management systems, and long-term planning.*

- ♦ **MEREDITH COMMUNITY CENTER GARDEN:** *The \$70,000 Community Center Garden was completed in the spring of 2009 and was achieved entirely by donations and volunteers at no cost to the town. Individuals, local clubs, charitable organizations, designers, architects, landscapers, contractors and other businesses all collaborated to make this project a success. A dedication ceremony to thank all the volunteers was held on July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center.*

**ALL AMERICA DISPLAY GARDEN AT MEREDITH PUBLIC LIBRARY:** *The GMP sponsors, plants and maintains the beautiful display garden in front of the library.*



### The Greater Meredith Program continued...

- **FAÇADE & SITE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM:** *As a follow-up to the successful Extreme Makeover of the Phu Jee restaurant façade on Main Street, GMP will offer financial assistance to commercial property owners striving to enhance, promote, and preserve the Greater Meredith community. Applicants must adhere to specific criteria, for monetary assistance. The funds may be in the form of material supplies and/or design services.*
- ♦ **BEAUTIFICATION & CONSERVATION FUND PROJECT:** *Established on January 1, 2009 to repopulate Meredith's village core area and the Route 3 and 25 corridors with large and medium size streetscape trees. The fund will also assist in pruning, fertilizing and helping to maintain the existing tree-scapes that are currently established and help other organizations as well as the town's beautification projects with donations. GMP kicked off its Beautification and Conservation Fund in July with two major plantings:*
  - ♦ *First, in partnership with the Town of Meredith and Ambrose Brothers, the fund planted eight maple trees on the new section of Boynton Road in Meredith.*
  - ♦ *Second planting of a beautiful October Glory Maple in the center of the Rt. 3 and Rt. 106 roundabout on July 14<sup>th</sup>.*

**PROMOTION COMMITTEE:** *Sells a positive image of the district to encourage consumers and visitors to live, work, shop, play and invest in the commercial district through retail promotions, special events and marketing campaigns.*

- **FLOWER BARRELS IN THE VILLAGE DISTRICT:** *plants and maintains from May through September.*
- **THURSDAY NIGHTS LIVE!** *GMP joined forces with Main Street and Mill Falls Marketplace merchants to create Thursday Nights Live! on Thursday evenings in July and August.*
- ♦ **ANTIQUE & CORVETTE CAR SHOWS:** *on Main Street in July and August as part of the Thursday Nights Live! promotion to help attract consumers to the village district.*
- ♦ **SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> COMMEMORATION GUIDE:** *for American Legion ceremony held annually in Hesky Park*
- ♦ **HALLOWEEN IN MEREDITH EVENTS GUIDE:** *A Spooktacular Series of Events in October Where the Wild Things Are! in partnership with BarnZ's Meredith Cinema, GMP hosted a community -based **free** Halloween movie event for children and their families.*  
*Scarecrow Contest: for participating merchants*
- ♦ **A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER HOLIDAY GUIDE:** *available at various locations throughout Meredith and on our website.*  
*Christmas Tree Contest: for participating merchants*
- ♦ **WEBSITE – [www.greatermeredithprogram.org](http://www.greatermeredithprogram.org)** *a new website was created to promote our program*

During the past five years, GMP has invested over \$100,000 in direct cash investments back into the community through various programs and projects. This figure does not include donations, donated materials, labor and volunteer time by over 100 community professionals and residents. This truly broad-based program continues to engage a wide range of stakeholders in the community to bring about positive results. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees or have any questions, please contact us. We are also very thankful to the Town of Meredith for their support.

Bonnie Ireland  
Executive Director  
3 Water Street • PO Box 1417 • Meredith, NH 03253 • 603.279.9015

### Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and families of Inter-Lakes Day Care Center, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Town of Meredith. We greatly appreciate the continued support for our families and the growing local community. During the year, Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School became certified as a Licensed Plus center, a designation that recognizes high quality child care programs. Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School is a non-profit, fully licensed, non-denominational, tax-exempt community child care and education agency, incorporated in 1971. Inter-Lakes Day Care Center promotes child development and family support for working parents through comprehensive infant, toddler, preschool, and school age developmentally appropriate curriculum, engaging children in activities that provide learning and brain development opportunities while nurturing knowledge. With an evolving, emergent curriculum, children come to view school as a place of exploration and discovery. The curriculum is shaped by each child's cognitive, social, and physical development. We seek to help each child develop an appreciation for his or her uniqueness as well as a sense of respect for others and oneself.

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center is open on a year-round basis at two sites, from 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM, making it possible for parents to maintain employment. The Center offers a full range of services including morning preschool programs, full and part-time child care, summer and vacation enrichment camp, and USDA approved healthy meals and snacks. Guided by a professionally certified and credentialed staff, the children receive an educational program along with health care services, special needs services and transportation for kindergarten. Through the State of New Hampshire and the Child Care Development Block Grant tuition based on family size and income is available for parents who are employed, in training, pursuing a degree or certificate, on job search or temporarily disabled. Our center also sponsors the Inter-Lakes Family Daycare Nutrition Program, facilitating federal reimbursement from USDA for licensed home daycare providers who serve approved meals and snacks while providing care for children of working parents.

### Kidworks Learning Center

Kidworks Learning Center is a non-profit childcare center for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. We offer a before and after school program, as well as our own unique vacation and summer programs. Our philosophy is to provide a stimulating environment for children to learn and express themselves with an emphasis on self-esteem. A variety of activities are provided that gives each child an opportunity to progress at his or her own pace in the five major areas of development: emotional, social, cognitive, physical and speech/language. We try to implement community outreach programs in our curriculum to instill the importance of helping others and our community. The center provides services for over ninety families in the Lakes Region, a majority of the families living or working in Meredith. Kidworks provides the families with not only quality care and education, but with USDA approved breakfasts, snacks and lunches. In conjunction with the New Hampshire State Scholarship Program, we are able to provide reduced tuition rates for families in need of assistance.

This year we made several safety improvements to the center. We purchased a new toddler swing, replaced doors, repaired playground fencing and replaced appliances that support our food program. We were also able to install new heating in our school age room. The center built two raised bed gardens with the help of the Rotary and local businesses. Even though the weather didn't cooperate it was a beneficial learning experience for all the children involved. Through the generosity of the Town of Meredith, the Kidworks families, staff and the community we were able to provide new equipment and opportunities for the children.

On behalf of the families, staff, Board of Directors and friends of Kidworks Learning Center we would like to thank you for your generosity and continued support of our program.



### Lakes Region Planning Commission

The Lakes Region continues to grow and evolve. As our economy and world change, so does the work we are engaged in. The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization established according to state law to provide area communities and the region with the capacity to respond to and shape the pressures of change in a purposeful way. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. The Commission offers direct and support services including technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazard planning and economic development. Local, state, and federal resources primarily fund the LRPC. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our overall goal is to provide support, knowledge, and leadership to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region.

### Meredith Chamber of Commerce

The Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce consists of over 340 businesses that are organized to advance and promote the commercial, industrial, service, professional, tourism, and retail interests of Meredith and its trade area. While many of the activities of the Chamber are tourist related, all segments of the business community make up the membership. Members are listed on the Chambers web site-[www.meredithcc.org](http://www.meredithcc.org). and in various specialty guides produced by the Chamber. The Chamber office is located at 272 Daniel Webster Highway and is on a year round basis. Visitors to the Center find a wide array of promotional literature about the Lakes Region. Staffing the Center in 2009 were Jean Greenlaw, Stephanie Whiting, Adrienne Stevens, and Molly Landrigan..

Again this year, the Chamber conducted a national advertising campaign designed to entice people to visit the area and we produced and distributed 225,000 copies of a four color, 24 page, high quality brochure. The 2009 Meredith Area brochure was distributed at high traffic tourist attractions in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, at corporate locations in New England and New York, and in the hotels in the Greater Boston area. The brochures are also at the state rest areas and the Manchester Airport Visitor Center and mailed out in response to inquiries received at the Chamber. All advertising materials contain the Chamber's web address, [www.meredithcc.org](http://www.meredithcc.org) and our toll free number.

Chamber sponsored events included the Lakes Region Fine Arts and Crafts Festival, the Fourth of July Fireworks, , Margaritaville in Meredith, The Community Yard Sale, and the Awards Ceremony at the Annual Meeting. Regular Business After Hours and Breakfast Forums were held and The Marine Services Guide, the Around the Town Map, the Wedding Guide, the Professional Guide, and the Service Guide were all continued.

The Chamber greatly appreciates the support of the community for its many activities and is especially appreciative of the cooperation and assistance received from the various departments of the town in carrying out its many projects.

Susan Cerutti

## Meredith Community Action Program

During the past year, we have provided \$965,879 in services to Meredith residents. Our major concern has always been, and will continue to be, the delivery of needed services to the elderly, handicapped and low-income residents of the community. Some of the services we provide are administration of the Fuel Assistance Program, the Women, Infants and Children Program, congregate meals at the Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, Emergency Food Pantry. For more information, please contact 279-4096. We wish to thank the Town of Meredith for its continued support.

Sincerely,  
Prudence Tylanda, Area Director

## Meredith Historical Society

In 2010, The Meredith Historical Society will celebrate its Sixtieth Year as a Society. The Society's purpose is the collection and preservation of the history of Meredith. This includes preserving valuable books, manuscripts, photographs, prints, textiles, relics and other articles related to the history of Meredith. The purpose also includes maintaining the Pottle Meeting House, operating as the Farm Museum, and the Main Street Museum to house our collection.

The funds for maintaining the artifacts and the two museums buildings are provided by donations from members and other interested parties. Sums designated as trust funds and bequests are encouraged, as they enable the Society to hold such amounts in trust and use only the interest as needed. The Town generously provides funds to assist in the payment of a stipend for the greeter for our Main Street Museum during the summer.

The Main Street museum is open from Memorial Day to Columbus Day four days a week from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Farm Museum is open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons during the summer and from Labor Day to Columbus Day on Saturdays from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM and is staffed by volunteers. Arrangements can be made to visit the museum at other times by calling 279-1190. Again this year there were visitors from all over the US and other Countries.

From May through November, on the first Tuesday at 7:30 PM of each month, the Society sponsors programs and activities that increase awareness of town history. The topics this year included Foreign Exchange Program - Students compared here with their native country, Meredith's Beautiful Flowers – Patti Herrick shared her gardening story, Popular Music during WWII, Meredith's own Bob Montana - Archie creator, Horace Greeley – the Curious Candidate, Meredith Ford and Meredith Linen Mill. All programs are open to the general public and are free of charge. Again this fall the Cub Scout troop and their parents visited the Farm Museum by appointment.

The Society would like to thank the many volunteers for their help to catalogue articles, clean textiles, organize exhibits, create window displays, host the Farm Museum, provide refreshments for the meetings, bake for the bake sales, organize and work at the auction and maintain the buildings. The Society is grateful for the consideration and support of all the people in the Town of Meredith, making it possible for the Society to continue to serve the public.



# Meredith Public Health Nursing Association

Meredith Public Health Nursing Association, (MPHNA), is a non-profit home care agency serving Meredith and Center Harbor. Our highly skilled, licensed, and professional staff provides nursing, rehabilitation therapies, personal care through nursing assistants, homemaker and senior companion services within the home. Founded in 1923, MPHNA is Medicare/Medicaid certified and licensed by the State of New Hampshire.

While many of our clients have Medicare or private insurance to cover their home care costs there is an increasing number of people who do not have any insurance coverage. A part of our mission statement at MPHNA states we will provide home care services based on client need, not ability to pay. Our annual fund drive and Meredith's community support enables us to continue to meet our mission for each of you.

This year we held multiple seasonal flu clinics at our main office, the Meredith Community Center, and several area businesses in addition to being sure our homebound clients also received them. 400 seasonal flu vaccines were distributed. We collaborated with other public health partners to provide the H1N1 flu vaccine to Meredith residents, families, and students. We are active members of local emergency preparedness committees working to keep Meredith well prepared for any public health threats.

MPHNA provides a blood pressure and foot clinic at the Meredith Community Center the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. We provide office hours twice each day for those Meredith residents who are not homebound but require some limited skilled nursing care. We also have a senior companion volunteer program providing friendly visitors to Meredith residents.

Our Board of Directors include, Phyllis Hamblet President; Thomas Pryor, Vice-President; Jean Greenlaw, Secretary; Janis Roberts, Treasurer; Frances Secord, Asst Treasurer; Virginia Stephens, Richard Harlow, Max Jenness, Edward Touhey, and James Wallace.

MPHNA provided 7,824 visits/services to Meredith residents in 2009. Of those, 2,866 were Nursing, 1,172 were Physical/Occupational Therapy, 2,629 were for personal care, 257 were homemaking and 469 were visits to our office.

Memorial gifts were received in memory of: Kathy Abelli, Rebecca Anderson, Gregory Batchelder, Donna Bilodeau, Hazel Carr, Barbara Clymer, Daniel Cooley, Russell Dunn, Archer "Phil" French, Leon Garneau, Barbara Harding, Bradley Hatch, Caro Hatch, Harold "Bud" Hines, Adeline Homer, Marjorie Knott, Harry Lamb, Charles Lane, Janet Lorenze, Anne Mealey, Albert Moore, Harry Plummer, Marie Rich, Lt Col Stephen Robbins, Peter Ruel, Leonard Sabella, Barbara Smyth, Shirley Stevens, Richard Stevens, and Lewis Woodaman.

All of us at **Meredith Public Health Nursing Association** are grateful to the residents of Meredith for their ongoing and strong support of this home care agency and its mission to this town.

Pamela C. Fortin, RN MPH  
Executive Director

## New Beginnings - A Women's Crisis Center



On behalf of New Beginnings I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Meredith for their continued support. Your allocation has enabled us to continue to provide 24-hour crisis support, outreach, and assistance to victims of domestic and sexual assault in all of Belknap County.

**New  
Beginnings**  
A Women's Crisis Center

Our organization operates a full-time shelter, staffs a 24-hour crisis line, provide advocacy at court, hospitals, and police stations, social service advocacy, and offers peer support groups for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. We also run community and school based education programs. We are members of the Belknap County Family Violence Prevention Forum, a task force made up of community members and professionals initiated by the Governor's Commission to take a stand against domestic and sexual violence in our county.

New Beginnings had advocated and staff in Belknap County courts each working day of this budget year. New Beginnings volunteers donated **over 20,215** service hours. All services are provided free of charge.

Submitted by:  
Kathy Keller, Executive Director

### *Services*

**A 24-Hour Crisis Line** answered by trained volunteers and staff who offer non-judgmental support and information about options and services available.

**Support Groups** offered on an ongoing basis for those whose lives have been affected by domestic or sexual violence.

**Court Advocacy** is provided by trained volunteers and staff who offer support and assistance in obtaining protective orders and during other court appearances.

**Emergency Shelter** is available to fleeing victims who are in need of temporary housing. Transportation to shelter can be provided.

**24-Hour Accompaniment** at the hospital and police departments for victims seeking support.

**Educational Programs** are provided at no cost to schools, community groups, social service agencies, hospital personnel, law enforcement, and others interested in learning about domestic and sexual violence.

**Emergency Assistance** like food pantry, clothing, etc. are offered to victims of domestic or sexual violence.

[www.newbeginningsnh.org](http://www.newbeginningsnh.org)

603-528-6511

24-hour domestic violence support line: 1-866-644-3574

24-hour sexual violence support line: 1-800-277-5570



### New Hampshire Association for the Blind

The New Hampshire Association for the Blind was founded in 1912, in Hancock, NH.

The mission of the New Hampshire Association for the Blind is **to advance the independence of persons who are blind and visually impaired.**

The New Hampshire Association for the Blind is the only statewide, private, non-profit organization that provides vision rehabilitation services to people of all ages who are blind or have severe vision impairments.

The Association is fully accredited by the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The Association provides counseling & referral, rehabilitation teaching, orientation & mobility instruction, low vision services, assistive technology, volunteer services, as well as education services for school-age children.

The Association's professional staff provided 26,999 hours of program service to 1,530 individuals. An additional 551 persons participated in group services.

68% of clients are women; 32% are men and 50% of clients are between the ages of 70 and 89, with 66% of our clients between the ages of 70-99.

Volunteers provided 2,604 service hours.

Of the major eye conditions, 39% of clients suffer from Macular Degeneration, 15% from Cataract, 11% from Glaucoma, 8% from Diabetic Retinopathy, 2% from Retinitis Pigmentosa and 25% from all other eye conditions.

This year, the Association received 541 new referrals averaging 45 per month.

Public education presentations were made to 2,950 people.

28% of clients have incomes of less than \$10,000 and 36% have incomes ranging from \$10,000 - \$20,000.

No one is ever denied access to services due to inability to pay, and services are provided in every community of New Hampshire and along the borders, for as long as they are needed.

78% of funding comes from philanthropic contributions from individuals, private foundation grants, trusts, corporate grants, civic and service organizations.

All funds raised in New Hampshire stay in New Hampshire.

*Make the most of every sense:*

*Glory in all the pleasures and beauty the world reveals to you.*

*Helen Keller*

### New Hampshire Humane Society

The New Hampshire Humane Society (NHHS) has been taking in, caring for, and adopting animals since 1900. NHHS is a private 501(c) 3 charity where support only comes from donations from the public and with contracts for services as with the Town of Meredith. We receive absolutely no federal, government or other humane society money. In 2009, the NHHS was proud that 1,213 animals were placed in warm loving homes. NHHS serviced 69 animals for the Town of Meredith (as of 12/10/09).

Every animal that comes through our doors receives full medical and behavioral evaluation, spay/neuter services, vaccinations, parasite control, and micro-chipping prior to placement in their forever home. No animal is ever euthanized due to lack of space or time. Your Animal Control Officer and Police have the ability to drop off strays 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We now offer a pet food pantry to the public when they cannot afford to feed their beloved pets. No questions are asked and no forms are required to avoid making those less fortunate feel ashamed to ask for help. Additionally, we offer a low cost spay/neuter program for privately owned pets which reduces the countless litters of kittens and puppies which over populate all shelters in New Hampshire.

The total number of animals brought to the New Hampshire Humane Society during 2009 is found below:

<b>Animals</b>	<b>Town of Meredith</b>	<b>Other Towns Serviced</b>
Dogs & Puppies	26	545
Cats & Kittens	42	707
Other Small Animals	1	11
Cruelty Cases	0	1

***"The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Gandhi***

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary G. Di Maria  
Interim Executive Director

### Winnepesaukee Wellness Center

The Winnepesaukee Wellness Center members thank you for your continued support of the Center in 2009. As you may know, the Winnepesaukee Wellness Center is a medically supervised program that is a self-supporting department of Lakes Region General Hospital. Its mission is to promote health responsibility, to provide a safe, comfortable site to exercise, to provide ongoing support and encouragement of healthy lifestyle habits and to promote active lifestyles. The Center just moved to 78 Whittier Highway #4 in Moultonboro. An Advisory Committee consisting of members, interested community members, and LRGH management team meet monthly and oversee the Center's operations. The Center depends on the support from surrounding towns and fundraisers to keep the member fees affordable for members of the community. In 2009, 20 per cent of the membership are residents of Meredith and benefit from the services available to them at the Center. The members range in age from 38-94. The Center is open three days per week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6am to 4pm. The program is not just an exercise program as the members benefit from the oversight and experience of a Registered Nurse and Exercise Specialist who design an individualized exercise program to meet their needs. The monthly fee for the program is \$45.00 per person and \$75.00 per couple. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify. We invite you to come and see the Center in action during the regular hours of operation or call 253-1839 for information.



# VITAL STATISTICS

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## Births

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Child's Name</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Name</i>
01/06/09	Dubois, Avery Elizabeth	Dubois, Max	Dubois, Kerry
01/09/09	Mcintosh, Finn Aurelius	Mcintosh, Kevin	Hemsley, Chelsea
03/14/09	Boucher, Cody Richard	Boucher, Jason	Currier, Jennifer
03/17/09	Adorno, Damien Luis	Adorno, Luis	Adorno, Rebecca
04/03/09	Demark, Ella Ann	Demark, Benjamin	Demark, Christy
04/08/09	Damiani-Lessard, Jake Michael	Lessard, Paul	Damiani, Susan
04/27/09	Stephens, Gracie Leigh	Stephens, Robert	Stephens, Jessica
05/14/09	Flanders, Colin Steven	Flanders, Charles	Flanders, Christina
05/21/09	Lewis, Emily Kate	Lewis, Troy	Lewis, Amanda
05/22/09	Dube, Owen Joshua	Dube, Daniel	Dube, Kristin
06/08/09	Richards, Soriya Catherine	Richards, Peter	Fairbanks, Megan
06/11/09	Doten, Brooke Olivia	Doten, William	Doten, Ashley
06/12/09	Kimball, Isabella Grace	Kimball, Scott	Kimball, Jan
06/30/09	Jenness, Tasha Marie	Jenness, Bryan	Glaski, Beth
07/02/09	McLeod, Avory Elizabeth		McLeod, Kate
07/03/09	Dime, Nathan Conrad	Dime, Conrado	Dime, Cerena
07/04/09	Greenwood, Camran Joseph	Greenwood, Matthew	Shute, Jessica
08/03/09	Linton, Brianna Priscilla	Linton, John	Linton, Gwen
08/04/09	England, Liam Donovan	England, Shawn	England, Katherine
08/10/09	Taggett, Bailey Noelle	Taggett, Charles	Taggett, Kimberly
09/02/09	Buttermore, Catherine Theresa	Buttermore, Kevin	Buttermore, Shannon
09/03/09	Mason, Cameron Lee	Mason, Alden	Hanks, Crystal
10/06/09	Meeken, Leah Christine	Meeken, Christopher	Meeken, Lisa
10/08/09	Ide, Braelyn Arianna	Ide, Neil	Ide, Kimberly
11/04/09	Bean, Heath Sydney	Bean, Tobey	Bean, Robyn
11/27/09	Ruel, Matthew James	Ruel, Jason	Ruel, Jessica
12/03/09	Baker, Jesse Joseph	Baker, Aaron	Dunn, Kristin
12/11/09	Holmes, Avery Jean	Holmes, Troy	Holmes, Christine

# Marriages

<i>Date of Marriage</i>	<i>Groom's Name</i>	<i>Groom's Residence</i>	<i>Brides Name</i>	<i>Brides Residence</i>
04/10/09	Shute, Andrew H.	Meredith, NH	Clavitte, Sharon L.	Meredith, NH
05/05/09	Freo, Patrick J.	Laconia, NH	Napolitano, Kristie L.	Meredith, NH
05/20/09	Mount, Michael E.	Meredith, NH	Alexander, Rachael L.	Meredith, NH
06/06/09	Tunnicliffe, Edmund H.	Meredith, NH	Campbell, Linda S.	Meredith, NH
06/20/09	Jameson, Jacob L.	Laconia, NH	Brown, Shara S.	Meredith, NH
06/27/09	Power, Thomas A.	Meredith, NH	Mccarthy, Maureen K.	Meredith, NH
06/30/09	Corliss, Justin H.	Meredith, NH	Goddard, Kirby A.	Meredith, NH
07/04/09	Plunkett, Michael J.	Meredith, NH	Leonard, Barbara L.	Meredith, NH
07/04/09	Huffman, Scott E.	Meredith, NH	Aldrovandi, Andrea J.	Epsom, NH
07/11/09	Knott, Ryan J.	Meredith, NH	Manita, Laura A.	Meredith, NH
07/12/09	Prindiville, Matthew E.	Nashua, NH	Fand, Samantha C.	Meredith, NH
07/18/09	Ainsworth, Michael S.	Meredith, NH	Vales, Allison I.	Meredith, NH
07/25/09	Kane, Jeffrey C.	Meredith, NH	Connelly, Michelle R.	Meredith, NH
08/08/09	Mikenas, Joseph M.	Lyman, ME	Lamoureux, Tammy L.	Meredith, NH
08/15/09	Chamberlain, Walter E.	Hillsborough, NH	Fogg, Patricia A.	Meredith, NH
08/16/09	Lyon, Harold C.	Meredith, NH	Rieger, Karin	Germany
08/29/09	Bilodeau, Jeffrey T.	Meredith, NH	Jenness, Elizabeth R.	Meredith, NH
08/29/09	Pabon, Pedro V.	Meredith, NH	Ennis, Laura K.	Meredith, NH
09/05/09	Simpson, Lester E.	Meredith, NH	Fisher, Christina L.	Meredith, NH
09/05/09	Pike, Jonah J.	Meredith, NH	Dore, Sara A.	Alton, NH
09/26/09	Tenney, Daryll C.	Meredith, NH	Richard, Nicole	Meredith, NH
10/03/09	Hughes, Dustin D.	Meredith, NH	Thompson, Elizabeth R.	Meredith, NH
10/04/09	Conway, Kevin D.	Meredith, NH	Morelli, Laura S.	Meredith, NH
10/10/09	Lafoe, John C.	Belmont, NH	Gilbert, Cynthia L.	Meredith, NH
10/11/09	Snyder, Mark Q.	Nashua, NH	Brown, Kirsten E.	Meredith, NH
11/06/09	Richards, Peter B.	Meredith, NH	Fairbanks, Megan C.	Meredith, NH
11/28/09	Lessard, Paul R.	Meredith, NH	Damiani, Susan M.	Chelmsford, MA
12/12/09	Bent, George L.	Meredith, NH	Roeder, Lynn A.	Meredith, NH
12/26/09	Lewis, Ricardo A.	Meredith, NH	Tankard, Alyson M.	Laconia, NH
12/31/09	Barney, Michael L.	Meredith, NH	Saltmarsh, Susan J.	Meredith, NH



# VITAL STATISTICS

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## Deaths

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
01/01/09	Bilodeau, Donna	Concord, NH	Pickering, Lewis	Wallace, Esther
01/01/09	Dow, Betty	Laconia, NH	Madeya, John	Green, Ruth
01/01/09	Boyle, Margaret	Meredith, NH	Trombetta, James	Gamma, Vida
01/08/09	Divrigian, Marion	Meredith, NH	Jenkins, Elizas	Ward, Anna
01/12/09	Kyle, Julie	Meredith, NH	Chalmers, James	Gardner, Henrietta
01/14/09	Desmond, John	Meredith, NH	Desmond, Jerome	Bagley, Josephine
01/18/09	Pike, Harold	Meredith, NH	Pike, Harold	Mahurin, Elsie
01/20/09	Budd, Marshall	Laconia, NH	Budd, Milton	Mayes, Clara
01/27/09	Nisar, Donna	Sanbornton, NH	Edson, Charles	Mclain, Dorothy
02/03/09	Trotta, Margaret	Laconia, NH	Conway, William	Doherty, Margaret
02/09/09	Hill, Mildred	Meredith, NH	Thompson, Andrew	Mcculloch, Annie
02/10/09	Stevens, Shirley	Laconia, NH	Blanchard, George	Fairbanks, Pauline
02/13/09	Hancock, Margaret	Meredith, NH	Bastraw, Richard	Chapman, Gwendolyn
02/13/09	Chase, Dina	Meredith, NH	Verkerk, Johannes	Greffe, Madeleine
02/13/09	Richardson, Larry	Meredith, NH	Richarson, Phillip	Davis, Clarabel
02/14/09	Rost, Edgar	Laconia, NH	Rost, Oscar	Stock, Tosca
02/19/09	Hatch, Carole	Laconia, NH	Valliancourt, Ronald	Watson, Gertrude
02/21/09	Webster, Priscilla	Meredith, NH	King, Ernest	Dunn, Edith
02/21/09	Serina, Ann	Laconia, NH	Rubinstein, Louie	Fox, Rose
02/26/09	Bilodeau, Lisa	Concord, NH	Giglio, Anthony	Brown, Eleanor
03/14/09	Leighton, Helen	Meredith, NH	Campbell, Matthew	Harris, Norma
03/15/09	Bartlett, James	Manchester, NH	Bartlett Sr, Maurice	Porter, Barbara
03/19/09	Knott, Marjorie	Laconia, NH	Smith, Ralph	Nicholson, Thelma
03/25/09	Rhodes, Robert	Meredith, NH	Rhodes, Thomas	Hanchett, Grace

## Deaths continued...

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
03/26/09	Nealon, Hazel	Meredith, NH	Perry, Joseph	Mello, Mary
03/27/09	Nichiporuk, Alexander	Meredith, NH	Unknown	Unknown
03/30/09	Bolduc, George	Laconia, NH	Bolduc, Donat	Campbell, Delima
03/30/09	Sabella, Leonard	Florida		
03/31/09	Hart, Barbara	Meredith, NH	Mackenzie, Lyman	Masulaitis, Helen
04/07/09	Oswalt, Mary	Laconia, NH	Siefring, Joseph	Conklin, Gertrude
04/10/09	Garland, Alice	Meredith, NH	Robertson, George	Stevenson, Alice
04/14/09	Thorndike, Charles	Meredith, NH	Thorndike, Townsend	Cayford, Mary
04/23/09	Meckstroth, Nancy	Meredith, NH	Sines, Edward	Pervine, Elaine
04/26/09	Lamb, Harryson	Laconia, NH	Lamb, Harry	Burbeck, Josephine
05/02/09	Mccann, William	Moultonborough, NH	Mccann, Robert	Constant, Angeline
05/02/09	Benjamin, Daniel	Moultonborough, NH	Benjamin, Florian	Laliberte, Louise
05/08/09	Smyth, Barbara	Meredith, NH	Smyth, Murray	Reynolds, Helen
05/26/09	Oliver, Anne	Meredith, NH	Mello, John	Doherty, Elizabeth
05/28/09	Stevens Sr, Richard	Meredith, NH	Stevens, John	Brown, Beatrice
06/01/09	Winn, Helen	Meredith, NH	Mccormick, John	Mckiernan, Margaret
06/09/09	Brooks, Ethel	Meredith, NH	Palmer, Charles	Unknown, Myrtle
06/13/09	Elbaum, Ruth	Meredith, NH	Kern, Harry	Greenfield, Rose
06/14/09	Lacoss, Richard	Meredith, NH	Lacoss, Palmer	Szewczyk, Jane
06/23/09	Van Hoose, Leslie	Belmont, NH		
06/24/09	Ambrose, Pauline	Laconia, NH		
06/30/09	Plummer Jr, Harry	Meredith, NH	Plummer Sr, Harry	Roberts, Frances
06/30/09	Robinson, Adelaide	Meredith, NH	Raith, William	Scherer, Adeline
07/04/09	French, Archer	Meredith, NH	French, Archer	Kerr, Jemima
07/06/09	Downing, Emiyo	Laconia, NH	Kayose, Kozablo	Unknown, Hanayo
07/12/09	Campbell, Joan	Tilton, NH	Jackson, Paul	Harriman, Geraldine
07/14/09	Doten, Raymond	Lebanon, NH	Doten Sr, Marshall	Libby, Ida



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## Deaths

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
07/15/09	Batchelder, Gregory	Meredith, NH	Batchelder, Sydney	Jacobs, Ada
07/18/09	Frase, Ruth	Laconia, NH	Lawrence, Walter	Zak, Laura
07/19/09	Kennelly, Kathryn	Meredith, NH	Robertson, Henry	Maloney, Elizabeth
07/25/09	Bezanson, Janet	Meredith, NH	Hitchcock, Alfred	Stuart, Janet
07/26/09	Virtue, Carol	Concord, NH		
07/30/09	Natale, James	Laconia, NH	Natale, Michael	Degiso, Anna
07/30/09	Lowth Jr, Charles	Meredith, NH	Lowth Sr, Charles	Gifford, May
08/08/09	Mcmath, Dianna	Meredith, NH	Mcmath, Fred	Kline, Mildred
08/11/09	Berg, Evelyn	Meredith, NH	Harris, George	Mott, Mildred
08/25/09	Rayno, Lamina	Laconia, NH	Mccordic, Wilmot	Reed, Nellie
08/28/09	Bordeau, Elizabeth	Meredith, NH	Hayes, Fred	Duncan, Ruth
08/29/09	Roman Sr, Richard	Lebanon, NH	Roman Sr, Walter	Preskins, Dorothy
09/13/09	Schultz, William	Meredith, NH	Schultz, William	Zeman, Catherine
09/21/09	Jollimore, Martha Anne	Harwood, MD	Howard, James	Lindo, Mary Martha
09/22/09	Benoit, Catherine	Meredith, NH	Duquette, Omer	Dukette, Hazel
09/26/09	Crory Jr, Frederick	Meredith, NH	Crory Sr, Frederick	Watson, Dorothy
09/26/09	Goodwin, Margaret	Meredith, NH	Hughes, John	Dunphy, Mary
10/06/09	Nilson, George	Meredith, NH	Nilson, Eric	Mattsson, Matilda
10/06/09	Proctor, Harold	Laconia, NH		
10/08/09	Vaillancourt, Arlene	Meredith, NH	Moulton, Harry	Inkell, Olive
10/10/09	Thorpe, Leroy	Laconia, NH	Thorpe, Leforest	Rigby, Frances
10/10/09	Staubitz, Herbert	Meredith, NH	Staubitz, Herman	Stroud, Caroline
10/10/09	Johnson Sr, Donald	Meredith, NH	Johnson, Donald	Webster, Galdys
10/10/09	Lippincott, Arlette	Meredith, NH	Morales, Joseph	Serra, Marie
10/11/09	Abelli, Katherine	Meredith, NH	Dipesa, Pascal	Gavigan, Kay
10/11/09	Maguire, Russell	Meredith, NH	Maguire, George	Sinclair, Gertrude
10/12/09	Tobin, Katherine	Laconia, NH	Snell, Norman	Burns, Mary

## Deaths continued...

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
10/12/09	Bryson, Thomas	Concord, NH	Bryson, Thomas	Fitzgerald, Irene
10/13/09	Duncan, Hilda	Meredith, NH	Huckins, Harold	Lougee, Norma
10/13/09	Smith, Theresa Marie	Meredith, NH		
10/14/09	Harding, Barbara	Meredith, NH	Lowd Sr, Harry	Strout, Alice
10/18/09	Cotton, Gloria Brown	Laconia, NH		
10/19/09	Tanis, Grace	Meredith, NH	Beekman, Lambert	Boerendans, Margaret
10/21/09	Smith, Barbara	Meredith, NH	Garland, Frank	Unknown, Nellie
10/22/09	Rompney, Athena	Meredith, NH	Merrill, Freeman	Fox, Myrtie
10/31/09	Lovering, Oliver	Meredith, NH	Lovering, Everett	Bugbee, Marion
11/02/09	Corrigan, Edward	Meredith, NH	Corrigan, Bernard	Barry, Winifred
11/08/09	Pettengill, Mildred	Meredith, NH	Rosewarne, Alfred	Christophers, Dora
11/09/09	Garneau, Leon	Meredith, NH	Garneau, Edward	Lepage, Emma
11/10/09	Hatfield, Lottie	Meredith, NH	Ostrowski, Thomas	Ryzska, Blanche
11/16/09	Haigh, Madeline	Meredith, NH	Hardy, Lester	Alwood, Viola
11/18/09	Downing, Harriet	Meredith, NH	Merril, Albert	Downing, Edith
11/28/09	Dunn, Russell	Concord, NH	Dunn, Delmar	Rockwood, Alma
12/11/09	Picon Allen, Maria	Concord, NH	Picon, Francisco	Narcisa Garcia, Maria
12/13/09	Wold, Robert	Laconia, NH	Wold, Lars	Ringholm, Elsa
12/14/09	Jeffrey Jr, Joseph	Meredith, NH	Jeffrey Sr, Joseph	Donovan, Catherine
12/18/09	Barnum Iii, William	Laconia, NH	Barnum, Richard	Cocks, Marion
12/20/09	Tompkins, Doris	Meredith, NH	Chalifoux, Ernest	Stuart, May
12/21/09	Breen, Dorothy	Laconia, NH	Sterling, George	Malcolm, Gwendoline
12/21/09	Waldron, Theresa	Northfield, NH	Aubin, Paul	Aubut, Marie Louise
12/24/09	Clymer, Barbara	Meredith, NH	Bohl, Norman	Porter, Marion
12/26/09	Ellis, Joseph	Meredith, NH	Ellis, Oscar	Howard, Margaret
12/30/09	Poh, Hermann	Meredith, NH	Poh, Andrew	Kramer, Matilda



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## Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary		Account		Total (Memorandum Only)
				Fund Types		Group		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Long- Term Debt			
Assets								
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 3,250,995	\$ 769,039	\$ 431,920	\$ 1,989,563	\$		\$	6,441,517
Investments				174,102				174,102
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles)								
Interest								
Taxes	7,827,594							7,827,594
Accounts	455,384	95,525		287,886				838,795
Special Assessments-Current	14,632							14,632
Special Assessments-Noncurrent	110,741							110,741
Other	17,121							17,121
Interfund Receivable								2,029,892
Intergovernmental Receivable								
Statutory Tax Liens Receivable	92,892							92,892
Statutory Tax Liens Reserved Until Collected	(92,892)							(92,892)
Other Debits								
Compensated Absences						390,869		390,869
Amount to be provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt						9,534,608		9,534,608
TOTAL ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	\$ 11,676,467	\$ 864,564	\$ 431,920	\$ 2,451,551	\$ 9,925,477	\$	\$	25,349,979

# Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

## LIABILITIES & EQUITY

### Liabilities

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	Total
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt
Accounts Payable	\$ 26,358	\$ 1,046	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,404
Retainage Payable					
Intergovernmental Payable	6,424,686				6,424,686
Interfund Payable	1,387,567				1,387,567
Escrow & Performance Deposits				324,981	324,981
Deferred Revenue		30,443		287,886	30,443
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable					287,886
General Obligation Debt Payable				9,534,608	9,534,608
Compensated Absences Payable				390,869	390,869
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 7,838,611</b>	<b>\$ 31,489</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 612,867</b>	<b>\$ 9,925,477</b>
					<b>\$ 18,408,444</b>

### EQUITY

#### Fund Balances

Reserved for Encumbrances	433,632	115,145			548,777
Reserved for Special Purposes	829,021	668,963	431,920	1,838,684	3,768,588
Unreserved					
Designated for Special Purposes	2,575,204	48,967			2,624,171
Undesignated (Deficit)	3,837,856	833,075	431,920	1,838,684	6,941,535
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 11,676,467</b>	<b>\$ 864,564</b>	<b>\$ 431,920</b>	<b>\$ 2,451,551</b>	<b>\$ 9,925,477</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>					<b>\$ 25,349,979</b>



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## Special Revenue Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Public Library	Conservation Commission	D.A.R.E. Program	Cable Franchise Fee	Boat Launch Fee	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>								
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 15,467	\$ 62,599	\$ 1,959	\$ 328,603	\$ 15,240	\$ (150,471)	\$ 495,643	\$ 769,039
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles)								
Accounts Interfund Receivable						69,581	25,945	95,525
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 15,467</u>	<u>\$ 62,599</u>	<u>\$ 1,959</u>	<u>\$ 328,603</u>	<u>\$ 15,240</u>	<u>\$ (80,891)</u>	<u>\$ 521,588</u>	<u>\$ 864,564</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>								
Liabilities								
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 894	\$ 152	\$ 1,046
Deferred Revenue-Access Fees						3,643	26,800	30,443
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,537</u>	<u>\$ 26,952</u>	<u>\$ 31,489</u>
Equity								
Fund Balances								
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ 15,467	\$ 26,147	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,389	\$ 28,608	\$ 115,145
Reserved for Special Purposes		36,452	1,959		15,240	185,602	414,243	668,963
Unreserved								
Unreserved/Undesignated	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 328,603	\$ 15,240	\$ (331,419)	\$ 51,784	\$ 48,968
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 15,467</u>	<u>\$ 62,599</u>	<u>\$ 1,959</u>	<u>\$ 328,603</u>	<u>\$ 15,240</u>	<u>\$ (85,428)</u>	<u>\$ 494,635</u>	<u>\$ 833,075</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 15,467</u>	<u>\$ 62,599</u>	<u>\$ 1,959</u>	<u>\$ 328,603</u>	<u>\$ 15,240</u>	<u>\$ (80,891)</u>	<u>\$ 521,588</u>	<u>\$ 864,564</u>

# Capital Project Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Prescott Park	Landfill Closure	Community Center	Infrastructure Improvements	Fire Department Building	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 322	\$ 98,339	\$ 15,616	\$ 304,825	\$ 12,818	\$ 431,920
Interfund Receivable						
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 322</u>	<u>\$ 98,339</u>	<u>\$ 15,616</u>	<u>\$ 304,825</u>	<u>\$ 12,818</u>	<u>\$ 431,920</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>						
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$
Due to General Fund						
Retainage Payable						
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>						
Fund Balances						
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$
Reserve for Special Purposes	322	98,339	15,616	304,825	12,818	431,920
Unreserved						
Undesignated (Deficit)						
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 322</u>	<u>\$ 98,339</u>	<u>\$ 15,616</u>	<u>\$ 304,825</u>	<u>\$ 12,818</u>	<u>\$ 431,920</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 322</u>	<u>\$ 98,339</u>	<u>\$ 15,616</u>	<u>\$ 304,825</u>	<u>\$ 12,818</u>	<u>\$ 431,920</u>



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## Trust and Agency Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Trust Funds					Agency Funds	Totals
	Expendable		Perminent				
	Library	Capital Reserve	Others	Town			
<b>ASSETS</b>							
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 8,814	\$ 350,361	\$ 1,283,262	\$ 22,145	\$ 324,981	\$ 1,989,563	
Investments	99,804			74,298		174,102	
<u>Receivables</u>							
Interest							
Accounts					287,886	287,886	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$ 108,618	\$ 350,361	\$ 1,283,262	\$ 96,443	\$ 612,867	\$ 2,451,551	
<b><u>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</u></b>							
Liabilities							
Interfund Payable					324,981	324,981	
Escrow and Performance Deposits					287,886	287,886	
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable							
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>					612,867	612,867	
Fund Balances							
Reserved For Endowments							
Reserved For Special Purposes	108,618	350,361	1,283,262	96,443	-	1,838,684	
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	108,618	350,361	1,283,262	96,443	-	1,838,684	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	\$ 108,618	\$ 350,361	\$ 1,283,262	\$ 96,443	\$ 612,867	\$ 2,451,551	

## Agency Funds - Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities

	Balance 1/1/2009	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/2009
<b>Engineering Performance Bond Fund</b>				
<u>Assets:</u>				
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 198,562	\$ 316,509	\$ 190,089	\$ 324,981
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 198,562	\$ 316,509	\$ 190,089	\$ 324,981
<b>ICMA Deferred Compensation Plan</b>				
<u>Assets:</u>				
Due From Others	\$ 267,637	\$ 44,330	\$ 24,082	\$ 287,886
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	\$ 267,637	\$ 44,330	\$ 24,082	\$ 287,886
<b>TOTAL - ALL AGENCY FUNDS</b>				
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 198,562	\$ 316,509	\$ 190,089	\$ 324,981
Due From Others	267,637	44,330	24,082	287,886
Total Assets	\$ 466,199	\$ 360,839	\$ 214,171	\$ 612,867
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 198,562	\$ 316,509	\$ 190,089	\$ 324,981
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	267,637	44,330	24,082	287,886
Total Liabilities	\$ 466,199	\$ 360,839	\$ 214,171	\$ 612,867

## Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

PERMANENT TRUST FUNDS	PURPOSE	Beginning Balance 1/1/2009	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2009
WWII Memorial	Upkeep	\$ 2,588	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29	\$ 2,617
Outlying Cemeteries	Cemetery Care	73,471	-	-	827	74,298
Ebon S. Roberts	Library	498	-	203	5	300
Edwin E. Beede	Library	104,116	-	11,364	1,124	93,876
Samuel W. Rollins	Library	7,761	-	3,348	80	4,493
J. Bennett/E. Swain	Library	1,147	-	466	12	693
William E. Bixby	Library	249	-	101	3	150
Hattie R. Erskine	Library Clock	289	-	-	3	292
George S. Fogg	School District	3,110	-	-	35	3,145
Town Cemetery	General	7,308	-	-	82	7,390
Caroline M. Swift	Cemetery Wreath	747	-	-	8	755
J. Beede Cemetery	Perpetual Care	11,256	-	-	127	11,383
Total Permanent Funds		\$ 212,540	\$ -	\$ 15,482	\$ 2,335	\$ 199,393



## Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds continued

EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	PURPOSE	Beginning Balance 1/1/2009	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2009
Cemetery Maintenance	Maintenance	\$ 19,978	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225	\$ 20,203
Library	Maintenance	8,718			96	8,814
Employee Benefits	Severance	134,485	25,000		1,550	161,035
Landfill Closure	Landfill Closure	50,113			564	50,677
Municipal Building	Additional Space	174			2	176
Solid Waste	Replace Trailer	25,168			283	25,451
Fire Department	Communications	1,096			12	1,108
Fire Department	Replace Vehicle	46,460			920	47,380
Municipal Technology	Software Upgrade	60,565			682	61,247
Open Space/Conservation	Conservation	1,739			134	1,873
Waterfront Infrastructure Imprv.	Waterfront Imprv.	76,227	35,000		859	112,086
Downtown Parking	Additional Space	474,602		479,691	5,089	
Meredith Parking	Parking		250,000		4	250,004
Disinfection Water Change	Water Treatment	80,034			901	80,935
Ground Water Source Study	Water Study		26,000		0	26,000
Main Street Rehabilitation	Infrastructure Improve	25,000	25,000		268	50,268
Parks & Recreation Facility Improv.	Infrastructure Improve		25,000			25,000
Water Systems Improvement Trust	Infrastructure Improve	129,693	100,000		1,462	231,155
Total Town Expendable Trusts:		\$ 1,134,052	486,000	479,691	13,051	1,153,412
School - SPED	Special Education	128,473			1,377	129,850
Total All Expendable Trusts:		\$ 1,262,525	\$ 486,000	\$ 479,691	\$ 14,431	\$ 1,283,262
CAPITAL RESERVES		Beginning Balance 1/1/2009	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2009
Fire Truck		\$ 5,179	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58	\$ 5,237
Police		13,140			148	13,288
Water Department		36,556			412	36,968
Prescott Park Expansion		5,027			57	5,084
Total Town Capital Reserves		59,902			675	60,577
School Facilities Maintenance Fund		280,996			3,024	284,020
Inter-Lakes School District		5,700			64	5,764
Total Town Capital Reserves		\$ 346,598	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,763	\$ 350,361

## Long-Term Indebtedness

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2009 is comprised of the following individual issues:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 12/31/09
General Obligation Debt Payable					
1989 Library Expansion Bond	\$ 750,000	1989	2010	3.304%	\$ 35,000
1988 Water System Improvement Bond	\$ 2,000,000	1988	2015	3.304%	\$ 750,000
1994 Cataldo Road Sewer Bond	\$ 229,000	1994	2013	3.304%	\$ 55,000
1998 Westbury Road Sewer Bond	\$ 55,000	1998	2010	3.304%	\$ 5,000
1998 Wagon Wheel Sewer Bond	\$ 211,874	1998	2010	3.304%	\$ 20,000
1999 Pleasant Street Bond	\$ 1,400,000	1999	2011	3.304%	\$ 240,000
2001 Neal Shore Sewer Bond	\$ 200,000	2001	2010	3.870%	\$ 1,650
2002 Plymouth St/Rte 3 North Bond	\$ 948,770	2002	2011	3.304%	\$ 105,000
2002 Plymouth St/Rte 3 North Bond	\$ 637,467	2002	2022	3.728%	\$ 414,354
2004 Conservation Bond	\$ 500,000	2004	2014	3.990%	\$ 250,000
2004 East Bluff Village Sewer Bond	\$ 115,381	2004	2014	3.870%	\$ 57,691
2005 Community Center Bond	\$ 3,500,000	2005	2025	4.000%	\$ 2,800,000
2007 Police Station Bond	\$ 1,500,000	2007	2017	4.000%	\$ 1,125,000
2007 Bundled Water/Sewer/Roads	\$ 1,220,000	2007	2037	4.125%	\$ 1,176,493
2008 Fire Station Bond	\$ 2,292,882	2009	2024	4.990%	\$ 2,135,993
2008 Page Pond Conservation	\$ 400,000	2009	2019	4.990%	\$ 363,427
Total General Obligation Debt Payable - December 31, 2009					\$ 9,534,608

### Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Debt:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009	Governmental Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2010	\$ 1,023,770	\$ 338,910	\$ 1,362,680
2011	911,006	360,857	1,281,863
2012	723,904	326,441	1,050,345
2013	718,709	296,272	1,014,981
2014-2037	6,157,219	1,863,139	8,020,358
Totals	\$ 9,534,608	\$ 3,185,619	\$ 12,720,227

### Compensated Absences Payable

Vacation and Sick Leave Including Benefits	\$ 390,869
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## Comparative Statement of Revenues - General Fund

	Estimated	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
<b><u>Taxes</u></b>			
Property	\$ 22,572,768	\$ 22,572,768	\$ .
Yield	11,050	13,031	1,981
Boat	28,500	28,924	424
Current Land Use Change Tax			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	136,600	150,176	13,576
Total Taxes	22,748,918	22,764,899	15,981
<b><u>Licenses and Permits</u></b>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,150,000	1,147,250	(2,750)
Building Permits	49,225	55,228	6,003
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	58,990	64,935	5,945
Total Licenses and Permits	1,258,215	1,267,413	9,198
<b><u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u></b>			
<b><u>State/Federal</u></b>			
Highway Block Grant	190,305	190,305	-
Railroad Tax	600	597	(3)
Shared Revenue			-
Rooms & Meals Tax	287,718	287,718	-
Water Pollution Grants	19,611	33,683	14,072
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	37	6,607	6,570
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	304	304	-
Other State/Federal Revenue	106,400	123,348	17,248
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	604,675	642,562	37,887
<b><u>Charges for Services</u></b>			
Income from Departments	758,552	754,964	(3,588)
<b><u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u></b>			
Sale of Town Property	7,000		(7,000)
Interest on Investments	55,000	60,478	5,478
Insurance & Betterment Assessments	32,250	52,561	20,311
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	94,250	113,039	18,789
<b><u>Other Financing Sources</u></b>			
<b><u>Interfund Transfers</u></b>			
Special Revenue Fund	271,628	271,628	
Trust Funds	133,306	132,229	(1,077)
Total Other Financing Sources	404,934	403,857	(1,077)
<b>Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance</b>			
<b>Unreserved Fund Balance Used To</b>			
Reduce Tax Rate	615,000	615,000	
<b>Total Revenues, Other Financing Sources</b>			
<b>and Use of Fund Balance</b>	\$ 26,484,544	\$ 26,561,734	\$ 77,190

# Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures - General Fund

	2008 Encumbered	2009 Appropriation	2009 Expended	2009 Encumbered	Balance (Overdrafts)
<b><u>General Government</u></b>					
Executive Office	\$	\$ 229,646	\$ 129,717	\$ -	\$ 99,929
Executive - Municipal Administration	33,450	625,059	514,155	56,872	87,482
Personnel Administration	7,500	43,061	50,550		11
Town Clerk	2,500	141,151	140,706	2,500	445
Administrative Services	40,371	410,891	410,958	30,000	10,304
Assessor	7,000	229,325	235,101		1,224
Tax Collector		89,434	88,333		1,101
Community Development		443,580	435,669	2,450	5,461
Regional Associations		219,062	219,062		
<b><u>Public Safety</u></b>					
Police	2,951	1,661,478	1,641,181	2,391	20,857
Ambulance		286,558	286,558		
Fire	5,245	280,481	275,248	10,591	(113)
<b><u>Public Works</u></b>					
Solid Waste Disposal	80,633	762,084	689,397	69,664	83,656
Building & Grounds	10,000	297,026	271,224		35,802
Cemetery		127,437	121,244		6,193
Highway Department	70,984	2,352,867	1,954,325	1,515	468,012
<b><u>Water Distribution</u></b>					
Hydrant Rental		69,000	69,000		
<b><u>Welfare</u></b>					
General Assistance		100,500	108,432		(7,932)
<b><u>Culture and Recreation</u></b>					
Parks and Recreation	1,429	758,863	707,673	1,588	51,029
Library	51,700	483,594	534,312	2,829	(1,847)
<b><u>Debt Service</u></b>					
Principal - Long-Term Debt		1,083,006	881,270	197,315	4,421
Interest - Long-Term Debt		364,643	339,831	21,871	2,942
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes		10,000			10,000
<b><u>Intergovernmental</u></b>					
School Appropriation		12,617,268	12,617,268		
County Appropriation		2,502,805	2,502,805		
<b><u>Other Financing Uses - Interfund Transfers</u></b>					
Conservation Commission	19,000	19,015	11,868	26,147	
Capital Projects	19,712	115,000	135,213	32,305	(32,805)
Expendable Trust Funds		486,000	486,000		
<b><u>Total Appropriations,</u></b>					
<b><u>Expenditures, and Encumbrances</u></b>	\$ 352,474	\$ 26,808,852	\$ 25,857,117	\$ 458,038	\$ 846,172



## Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance - General Fund

### Fiscal Year 2009

#### Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1</u>	\$	2,266,842
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#### Deductions

Amount used to reduce 2009 Taxes		(615,000)
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#### Additions:

Revenue Surplus	\$	77,190	
Unexpended Appropriations		846,172	923,362

#### Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - December 31 (Unaudited)</u>	\$	2,575,204
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### Fiscal Year 2010 - Worksheet

#### Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1, 2010 (Unaudited)</u>	\$	2,575,204
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#### Deductions—(Proposed)

Amount to be used to reduce 2010 taxes		(325,000)
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#### Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1, 2010 (Unaudited)</u>	\$	2,250,204
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## Treasurer's Account Summary

### **General Fund - Operating**

Balance 01/01/2009	5,900,082.47	
Receipts & Transfers	23,732,288.45	
Expenditures	<u>(26,381,376.19)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2009		<u>3,250,994.73</u>

### **General Fund - Investments**

Balance 01/01/2009	1,138,967.43	
Receipts & Transfers	(1,138,967.43)	
Transfers		
Balance 12/31/2009		<u></u>

### **Community Center**

Balance 01/01/2009	22,792.10	
Receipts & Transfers	4,589.32	
Expenditures	<u>(11,765.42)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2009		<u>15,616.00</u>

### **Water Department**

Balance 01/01/2009	136,936.15	
Receipts & Transfers	276,912.66	
Expenditures	<u>(564,320.14)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2009		<u>150,471.33</u>

### **Sewer Department**

Balance 01/01/2009	518,593.17	
Receipts & Transfers	621,297.80	
Expenditures	<u>(644,248.05)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2009		<u>495,642.92</u>

### **Conservation Commission**

Balance 01/01/2009	145,226.03	
Receipts & Transfers	40,716.08	
Expenditures	<u>(123,343.07)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2009		<u>62,599.04</u>

### **Cable Franchise**

Balance 01/01/2009	279,598.35	
Receipts & Transfers	66,147.08	
Expenditures	<u>(17,142.87)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2009		<u>328,602.56</u>

### **Infrastructure Project**

Balance 01/01/2009	(346,903.84)	
Receipts & Transfers	839,993.48	
Expenditures	<u>(188,264.70)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2009		<u>304,824.94</u>



Treasurer's Account Summary continued**Landfill**

Balance 01/01/2009	112,794.37	
Receipts & Transfers		
Expenditures	<u>(14,455.60)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2009		<u>98,338.77</u>

**Prescott Park**

Balance 01/01/2009	19,522.28	
Receipts & Transfers	(15,000.00)	
Expenditures	<u>(4,200.00)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2009		<u>322.28</u>

**Fire Station**

Balance 01/01/2009	(1,680,622.73)	
Receipts & Transfers	2,280,083.53	
Expenditures	<u>(586,642.33)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2009		<u>12,818.47</u>

**Land Use**

Balance 01/01/2009	20,780.00	
Receipts & Transfers	(20,780.00)	
Expenditures	<u></u>	
Balance 12/31/2009		<u></u>

**Police Station**

Balance 01/01/2009	755,143.11	
Receipts & Transfers	(755,143.11)	
Expenditures	<u></u>	
Balance 12/31/2009		<u></u>

**Special Revenue Fund - Boat Launch**

Balance 01/01/2009		
Receipts & Transfers	15,240.00	
Expenditures	<u></u>	
Balance 12/31/2009		<u>15,240.00</u>

**Balance All Funds 12/31/2009**\$4,434,528.38

## Treasurer's Account Summary continued

**Proof of Balance**

**Meredith Village Savings Bank**

Accounts Payable	Outstanding Checks	<u>(377,570.57)</u>	
	Reconciled Balance		<u>(377,570.57)</u>
Payroll	Outstanding Checks	<u>(9,610.80)</u>	
	Reconciled Balance		<u>(9,610.80)</u>
Operating Account		<u>3,455,741.49</u>	
	Reconciled Balance		<u>3,455,741.49</u>
Citizen Lockbox		<u>1,350,249.94</u>	
	Reconciled Balance		<u>1,350,249.94</u>
Debit Card Checking		<u>15,000.00</u>	
	Reconciled Balance		<u>15,000.00</u>
Baby Bicentennial Account #1		44.16	
Baby Bicentennial Account #2		<u>44.16</u>	
	Reconciled Balance		<u>88.32</u>
Cash on Hand		<u>630.00</u>	
	Reconciled Balance		<u>630.00</u>
<b>Reconciled Balance 12/31/2009</b>			<u><u>\$ 4,434,528.38</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,

**Louann Breen**

Louann Breen, Town Treasurer



# TAX INFORMATION

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## Tax Collector's Summary of Warrants

<u>Debits</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
<b>Uncollected Taxes 1-1-09</b>		
Property Taxes	\$	\$ 2,068,033.22
Land Use Change		5,000.00
Betterment Assessments		15,180.42
Water Rents		55,819.24
Sewer Rents		54,688.51
<b>Taxes Committed to Collector</b>		
Property Taxes	22,604,610.12	
Yield Taxes	3,145.48	10,941.99
Betterment Assessments	37,824.61	
Land Use Change Taxes	38,030.00	7,000.00
Water Rents	359,771.14	45,979.38
Sewer Rents	434,312.61	89,871.06
<b>Overpayments</b>		
Property Taxes	28,177.94	7,423.72
Sewer Rents	293.00	
<b>Interest</b>	15,156.14	63,822.17
<b>Total Debits</b>	<u>\$ 23,521,321.04</u>	<u>\$ 2,423,759.71</u>
<u>Credits</u>		
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>		
Property Taxes	\$ 14,802,444.16	\$ 2,074,854.82
Yield Taxes	3,145.48	6,473.04
Betterment Assessments	23,192.79	15,180.42
Land Use Change Taxes	29,530.00	12,000.00
Water Rents	326,763.86	101,798.62
Sewer Rents	403,165.65	144,559.57
Interest	15,156.14	63,822.17
<b>Abatements</b>		
Property Taxes	974.08	872.12
Yield Taxes		1,056.78
Water Rents	24.03	
Sewer Rents	452.20	
<b>Deeded to Town</b>	1,775.67	
<b>Uncollected Taxes 12-31-09</b>		
Property Taxes	7,827,594.15	
Yield Taxes		3,412.17
Betterment Assessments	14,631.82	
Land Use Change Taxes	8,500.00	
Water Rents	32,983.25	
Sewer Rents	30,987.76	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<u>\$ 23,521,321.04</u>	<u>\$ 2,423,759.71</u>

## Tax Collector's Summary of Tax Liens

<u>Debits</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>Prior</u>
<b>Uncollected Liens 1-1-09</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Liens Executed During 2009	514,501.04	213,608.95	96,425.25	4,188.93
Refunds for Overpayment			509.07	
Interest & Costs after Lien	12,664.23	17,235.90	38,673.88	187.24
<b>Total Debits</b>	<u>\$ 527,165.27</u>	<u>\$ 230,844.85</u>	<u>\$ 135,608.20</u>	<u>\$ 4,376.17</u>
 <u>Credits</u>				
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>				
Redemptions	\$ 194,825.90	\$ 87,536.24	\$ 92,397.27	\$ 351.00
Interest & Costs	12,664.23	17,235.90	38,673.88	187.24
Abatements	17,613.52	976.49	1,165.47	427.41
Liens Deeded to the Town	1775.13	1,717.28	1,607.35	
Uncollected Liens 12-31-09	300,286.49	123,378.94	1,764.23	3,410.52
<b>Total Credits</b>	<u>\$ 527,165.27</u>	<u>\$ 230,844.85</u>	<u>\$ 135,608.20</u>	<u>\$ 4,376.17</u>

## Tax Collector's Report

The effects of a sluggish economy have affected many of us again. If you are unable to make full payment at the time taxes are due, please make partial payments. You may also want to consider making weekly or monthly payments. Please contact the tax office if you are having difficulties. If you do not have a tax escrow account, you may wish to contact your mortgage holder to ask them about setting up an escrow account for payment of your property taxes.

I'd like to thank you for continuing to make the collection of water/sewer and property payments through our lockbox payment service so successful. This year we are changing our lockbox servicer so the address will change. Please discard any old envelopes. Envelopes with the correct address will be enclosed with your water/sewer and property tax bills. Use the envelopes enclosed with the tax and water/sewer bills for *on time* payments only. DO NOT use the envelopes for other Town business.

To ensure timely payment to your account, checks paid through on-line banking must be mailed to our office address at the Town of Meredith, 41 Main Street, Meredith, NH 03253. **Do not mail your on-line bill payments to the Manchester PO Box.** The Lockbox Service is unable to process payments unless the bottom portion of the bill accompanies the check and they must return your checks to me, delaying receipt of your payment.

It has been my great pleasure to serve the Town of Meredith for the past twenty-two years. I would like to thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you or if you have any suggestions to improve efficiency and service. My direct phone number is 603-677-4202.



Vikki Fogg  
Deputy Tax Collector



# TAX INFORMATION

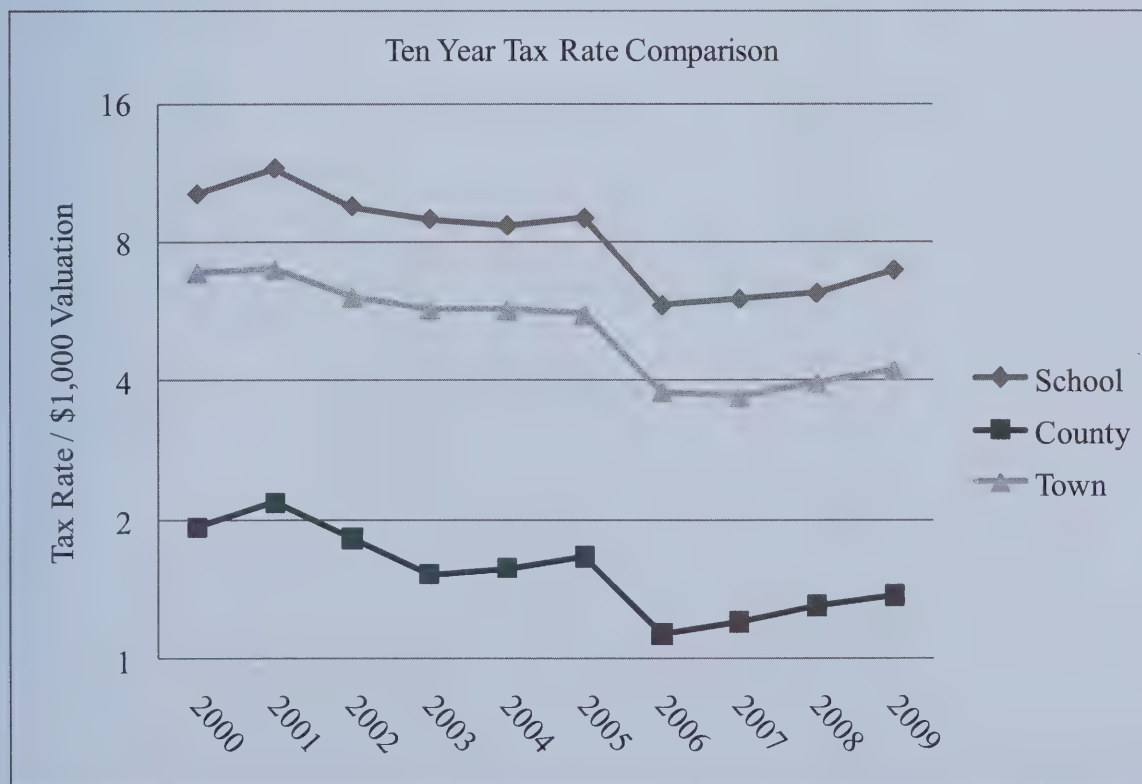
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## 2009 Tax Rate Calculation

		2009 Tax Rates per \$1,000 Valuation	
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Appropriations	\$ 13,069,623		
Less: Revenues	(5,657,016)		
Less: Shared Revenues	(0)		
Add: Overlay	50,425		
War Service Credits	<u>235,250</u>		
Approved Town Tax Effort		7,698,282	
<b>Municipal Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b><u>4.23</u></b>
Due to Regional School	12,757,614		
Less: Cost of Adequate Education	(140,328)		
Less: State Education Taxes	<u>(4,352,656)</u>		
Approved School Tax Effort		8,264,630	\$ 4.54
State Education Taxes			
Equalized Valuation (No Utilities) X	2.14		
2,038,714,882		4,352,656	\$ 2.40
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (No Utilities)	1,815,411,039		
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State			
<b>School Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b><u>6.94</u></b>
Due to County	2,502,805		
Less: Shared Revenue	<u>(0)</u>		
Approved County Tax Effort		2,502,805	
<b>County Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b><u>1.37</u></b>
Combined Tax Rate		<b>\$</b>	<b><u>12.54</u></b>
Total Property Taxes Assessed		22,818,373	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>(235,250)</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment		<u>\$ 22,583,123</u>	
		<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
Net Assessed Valuation	\$ 1,820,649,639	10.14	\$ 18,465,717
State Education Taxes	\$ 1,815,411,039	2.40	\$ 4,352,656
Proof of Rate			<u>\$ 22,818,373</u>

# Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison

Year	School	Town	County	Combined Tax Rate	Net Valuation
2000	10.17	6.89	1.93	18.99	692,241,498
2001	11.56	6.99	2.18	20.73	706,275,825
2002	9.56	6.09	1.82	17.47	911,814,837
2003	8.97	5.74	1.52	16.23	1,092,075,621
2004	8.68	5.70	1.57	15.95	1,132,161,235
2005	9.00	5.59	1.66	16.25	1,162,607,162
2006	5.82	3.79	1.13	10.74	1,897,635,500
2007	6.01	3.70	1.20	10.91	1,918,269,293
2008	6.19	3.97	1.30	11.46	1,940,881,763
2009	6.94	4.23	1.37	12.54	1,820,649,639





# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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## Summary of Town-Owned Property

### Conservation/Recreation

Map/Lot	Acres	Location	Use
R08-014	1.21	Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R08-015	0.63	Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R13-005	3.25	Lake Wickwas	Peninsula
R13-006	3.20	Lake Wickwas	Island
R13-007	5.50	Lake Wickwas	Island
R14-001	305.58	Chemung Road	Hamlin Town Forest
R14-028	2.02	Chemung Road	Pickering Park
R14-029	1.00	Chemung Road	Boat Launch, Pickering Park
R17-035	2.50	Chemung Road	Abuts Hamlin Town Forest
R17-036	5.06	Chemung Road	Abuts Hamlin Town Forest
R18-009A	188.00	Tucker Mountain Road	Conservation
R21-008	12.00	Lake Pemigewasset	Waterfront - Wetlands
R22-007	20.00	Tucker Mountain Road	Town Forest
R22-013	31.04	Neddeau Road	Town Forest
R23-004	93.00	Carleton Road	Leighton Wildlife Sanctuary
R31-020	37.80	Carleton Road	Town Forest
R32-001	49.40	Hermit Woods Road	Town Forest
R32-011	79.00	Carleton Road	Leighton Wildlife Sanctuary
S02-005	3.03	Beattie Road	Former tree nursery
S03-006	187.70	Quarry Road	Page Pond / Conservation
S04-001	188.34	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond / Conservation
S04-003	20.66	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond / Conservation
S04-006	170300	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond / Conservation
S22-020	13.01	Parade Road	Waukegan Highlands Park
S22-022	178.10	Parade Road	Waukegan Highlands Park
U05-002	0.30	Waukegan Street	Boat Launch, Picnic Area
U06-031	7.10	High Street/Waukegan Ave	Swasey Park
U06-060	0.32	Main Street	Community Park
U07-121	0.37	Pleasant Street	Scenic Park
U07-123	0.13	Route 25	Scenic Park, Indian Island
U07-126	0.83	Route 3	Hesky Park
U07-127	0.92	Route 3	Hesky Park
U10-031	12.87	Route 3 North	Prescott Park
U10-033	0.32	Route 3 North	Prescott Park
U10-035	1.16	Route 3 North	Wetlands, Hawkins Brook
U11-047	.63	Greemore Road	Recreation
U11-050A	1.95	Greemore Road	Wetlands, Hawkins Brook
U11-050B	1.00	Circle Drive	Community Center Park
U14-001	21.74	Route 3 North	Prescott Park (New Fields)
U15-019A	0.12	Route 25/Pleasant Street	Clough Park
U39-058	28.01	Leavitt Park Road	Town Beach, Bathhouse, Bartlett Brook

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## Facilities

Map/Lot	Acres	Location	Use
I02-021	0.07	Bear Island	Post Office, Dock
R08-047	0.29	Meredith Center Road	Fire Station
R08-048	0.92	Meredith Center Road	Fire Station
S15-008	28.80	Jenness Hill Road	DPW, Landfill, Police Station
S17-007A		Sunset Hill Road	Water Tower
S17-18R-1	0.00	Upper Mile Point Drive	Booster Station
S23-021	0.36	Reservoir Road	Pumping Station (Water Department)
U02-040	0.26	Lower Ladd Hill Road	Pumping Station (Water Department)
U03-028A	0.21	Waukegan Street	Bathhouse, Sewer Pump Station
U03-030	0.44	Waukegan Street	Town Beach
U05-01A	0.07	Waukegan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U05-01B	0.51	Waukegan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U06-037	0.17	High Street	Parking Lot
U06-038	0.26	High Street	Parking Lot
U06-059	0.57	Main Street	Library
U06-063	0.16	Water Street	Parking Lot
U06-112	0.51	Route 3/Oak Street	Fire Station
U06-117C	0.27	Lang Street	Cemetery (historic)
U06-145	0.04	Route 3	Town Docks
U07-043	0.14	5 Highland Street	Town Hall Annex
U07-044	0.15	Main Street	Town Hall
U07-086A	0.02	Route 3/Plymouth Street	Utility Right-of-Way
U07-088	0.36	Route 3/Plymouth Street	Parking Lot
U07-107	0.17	Route 3 North	Sewer Pump Station
U07-108	0.92	Route 3 North	Parking Lot (adjacent to Aubuchon Hardware)
U10-017	0.29	Philbrook Avenue	Sewer Pump Station
U10-034	16.00	Route 3 North	Public Works Office, Prime Wetlands
U11-050	3.68	1 Circle Drive	Community Center
U11-067	0.38	Kelly Lane	Fire Pond
U11-071	19.00	Route 3 North	Meredith Village Cemetery
U12-004	0.23	Philbrook Avenue	Road Turnaround
U15-027	0.07	Morrison Avenue	Road Turnaround
U33-015A	1.55	Cattle Landing Road	Parking Lot, Right-of-Way
U33-025	0.41	Cattle Landing Road	Docks, Right-of-Way
U35-010	1.02	Lovejoy Sands Road	Boat Ramp, Docks, Parking Lot
<b>Vacant/Undesignated</b>			
I07-006	0.43	Bear Island	
R08-033	1.90	Meredith Center Road	Wetland
R17-016	0.69	Chemung Road/Camp Waldron Road	
R35-003	13.00	Pinnacle Ridge Road	Landlocked
R37-12	1.70	NH Route 132	
S15-057	1.57	Boynton Road	
S18-055	0.27	Tracy Way	Adjacent to Right-of-Way
S22-027	0.53	Tracy Way/Parade Road	Intersection Sight Distance
U01-01A	0.27	Route 3/Neal Shore Road	
U01-034	0.08	Neal Shore Road	Adjacent to Railroad Right-of-Way
U04-025	0.92	Waukegan Street	Monkey Pond
U10-027A	0.28	Route 3 North	Water Line Loop
U12-015	207.00	Philbrook Avenue/Jenness Hill Road	
U16-005-18	.66	67 Barnard Ridge Road	
U19-31A	0.12	Pinnacle Park Road	Pinnacle Park Beach



## *SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION*

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# Summary Inventory of Valuation - All Properties

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009

### Value of Land Only

Current Use	\$	1,439,800
Residential		898,422,439
Commercial/Industrial		58,295,061

Total Value of Land 958,157,300

### Value of Buildings Only

Residential	749,491,886
Manufactured Housing	11,390,000
Commercial/Industrial	99,388,214

Total Value of Buildings 860,270,100

### Public Utilities

Electric	5,238,600
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Total Valuation Before Exemptions 1,823,666,000

### Exemptions

Blind	120,000
Elderly	2,049,900
Totally & Permanently Disabled	717,500
Solar/Wind Power	<u>128,961</u>

Total Exemptions 3,016,361

Net Taxable Valuation \$ 1,820,649,639

# **TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION**

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## **2010 Meredith Town Warrant**

### **State of New Hampshire**

#### **TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Meredith Community Center, 1 Circle Drive, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next March 9, 2010,  
from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots;  
and at 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on Articles xx through xx

#### **BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:**

### **ARTICLE 1**

To bring your ballots for:

Selectman	Two (2) for Three (3) years
Moderator	One (1) for Two (2) years
Trustee of Trust Funds	One (1) for Three (3) years
Trustee of Trust Funds	One (1) for One (1) year
Library Trustees	One (1) for Three (3) years
Supervisor of the Checklist	One (1) for Six (6) years
Supervisor of the Checklist	One (1) for Four (4) years

### **ARTICLE 2**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend the Floodplain Development Ordinance to expand the introduction and add definitions as necessary in order to maintain compliance with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program, which allows property owners the opportunity to obtain flood insurance?

# TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

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## DELIBERATIVE SESSION

### ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Million, Two Hundred and Forty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars (\$12,249,538.00) for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget. This amount does not include all of the amounts raised and appropriated in subsequent warrant articles.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

### ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to be added to the Parks & Recreation Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

### ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to be added to the Waterfront Infrastructure Trust previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

### ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to improve various town roads that are eligible for 2 to 1 matching funds from the State Aid Reconstruction Program, contingent upon the receipt of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) of that amount from the State, with the balance of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be raised by taxation.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

### ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Five dollars (\$24,805.00) for the operational expenses from the Cable Franchise Fee Special Revenue Fund. RSA 31:93-c allows municipalities to appropriate from a specific source for specific purposes.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)



# TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

## ARTICLE 8

Shall the town accept the provisions of RSA 202-A: 4-d providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing the public library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose and such authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of town meeting?

(Approved by the Library Trustees)

## ARTICLE 9

Shall the town accept the provisions of RSA 202-A: 11-a to permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment?

(Approved by the Library Trustees)

## ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to designate a certain parcel of land as Town Forest pursuant to RSA 31:110 as follows:

Parcels formerly owned by the Wilds Christian Association, Inc., identified in the Town's records as Tax Map S 03, Lot 6 and Tax Map S 04, Lots 1, 3, & 6 located off Quarry Road comprising 566.7 +/- total acres.

(Approved by the Conservation Commission)

## ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forward to our State Representative (s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President.

Resolved: the citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage".

(Petitioned by 25 or more registered voters or 2% of the registered voters in town, whichever is less)

## ARTICLE 12

To see if the voters of the Town of Meredith will change the date for Meredith's Town Meeting from the second Tuesday in March to second Tuesday in May. (RSA 39:1-a)

(Petitioned by 25 or more registered voters or 2% of the registered voters in town, whichever is less)

# BUDGET INFORMATION

## 2010 Meredith Budget - Revenues

	2009 Estimated	2009 Actual	2010 Estimated
<b><u>Taxes</u></b>			
Yield	\$ 11,050	\$ 13,031	\$ 11,050
Boat	28,500	28,924	28,500
Land Use Change Tax			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	136,600	150,176	130,400
Total Taxes	176,150	192,130	169,950
<b><u>Licenses and Permits</u></b>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,150,000	1,147,250	1,150,000
Building Permits	49,225	55,228	30,600
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	58,990	64,935	59,300
Total Licenses and Permits	1,258,215	1,267,413	1,239,900
<b><u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u></b>			
<b><u>State</u></b>			
Highway Block Grant	190,305	190,305	190,305
Railroad Tax	600	597	597
Shared Revenue			
Rooms & Meals Tax	287,718	287,718	287,718
Water Pollution Grants	19,611	33,683	19,611
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	37	6,607	6,500
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	304	304	304
Other State/Federal Revenue	106,100	123,348	6,100
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	604,675	642,561	511,135
<b><u>Charges for Services</u></b>			
Income from Departments	758,552	754,964	842,224
<b><u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u></b>			
Sale of Town Property	7,000		
Interest on Investments	55,000	60,478	100,000
Insurance & Betterment Assessments	32,250	36,982	32,250
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	94,250	97,460	132,250
<b><u>Other Financing Sources</u></b>			
<b><u>Interfund Transfers</u></b>			
Special Revenue Fund	271,628	271,628	290,449
Capital Projects Fund			
Trust Funds	133,306	132,229	
Total Other Financing Sources	404,934	403,857	290,449
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>	3,296,775	3,373,964	3,185,908
<b>Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance</b>	365,000	365,000	
<b>Unreserved Fund Balance Used To</b>			
Reduce Tax Rate	615,000	615,000	325,000
<b>Total Revenues, Other Financial Sources and Use of Fund Balance</b>	\$ 4,276,775	\$ 4,338,385	\$ 3,510,908
<b><u>Special Revenue Funds</u></b>			
Sewer	614,743	582,067	596,365
Water	765,497	659,373	774,735
<b>Grand Total All Funds</b>	\$ 5,657,015	\$ 5,579,825	\$ 4,882,008



# BUDGET INFORMATION

## 2010 Meredith Budget - Appropriations

	2009 Appropriations	2009 Expended	2010 Recommended
<b><u>General Government</u></b>			
Executive Office	\$ 229,646	\$ 129,717	\$ 226,111
Executive - Municipal Administration	694,059	638,714	631,228
Public Health - Ambulance	274,326	286,558	260,754
Personnel Administration	43,061	43,050	39,509
Town Clerk	141,151	138,206	147,809
Administrative Services	410,891	400,587	388,309
General Assistance	100,500	108,432	120,000
Assessor's Office	229,325	228,101	244,899
Tax Collector's Office	89,434	88,333	89,822
Community Development Department	443,580	435,669	499,574
CIP - Expendable Trust Funds	486,000	486,000	95,000
CIP & Non-CIP - Capital Projects	115,000	110,925	
Regional Association	219,062	219,062	215,062
<b><u>Public Safety</u></b>			
Police	1,661,478	1,640,621	1,678,460
Fire	280,481	280,594	276,481
<b><u>Public Works</u></b>			
Solid Waste Facility	762,084	678,428	762,071
Building & Grounds	297,026	261,224	316,438
Cemetery	127,437	121,244	127,415
Highway Department	2,352,367	1,906,608	2,352,716
<b><u>Culture and Recreation</u></b>			
Parks and Recreation	758,863	707,312	683,859
Library	483,594	485,441	483,594
<b><u>Debt Service</u></b>			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	1,083,006	1,078,585	1,029,114
Interest - Long-Term Debt	364,643	361,701	353,696
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000		10,000
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<u>\$ 11,658,013</u>	<u>\$ 10,835,112</u>	<u>\$ 11,031,923</u>
<b><u>Conservation Commission</u></b>	19,015	11,652	1,515
<b><u>Water Fund</u></b>	602,243	615,144	596,365
<b><u>Sewer Fund</u></b>	<u>765,497</u>	<u>744,400</u>	<u>774,735</u>
<b>Total Operating Budget All Funds</b>	<u>\$ 13,044,818</u>	<u>\$ 12,206,309</u>	<u>\$ 12,404,538</u>
<b><u>Special Revenue Fund</u></b>			
Cable Franchise Fee	<u>\$ 24,805</u>	<u>\$ 17,143</u>	<u>\$ 24,805</u>
<b>Grand Total - Municipal Budget</b>	<u><u>\$ 13,069,623</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,223,451</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,429,343</u></u>



## BUDGET INFORMATION

# 2010 Municipal Tax Rate Projection

2010 Appropriations - Approved by Board of Selectmen	\$12,429,343
Less: 2010 Estimated Revenues - Other than Property Taxes	(4,882,008)
Less: Shared Revenues - Town Portion	
Add: Proposed Overlay	50,000
Add: War Service Credits (Deducted from Property Tax Warrant)	234,250
Total Net Town Appropriation to be Raised by Taxation	<u>\$7,831,585</u>

**2010 Estimated Tax Rate (Municipal Portion Only)** **\$4.30**  
Compared to 2009 Tax Rate of \$ 4.23 (Municipal Portion Only)

### Summary of Dollars to be Raised by Taxation:

2010 Estimated Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$7,831,585
Board of Selectmen—Amount to be Raised (2008)	(7,716,458)
Variance 2010 to 2008:	115,127
2010 Appropriations to be Held	(115,127)
Variance 2010 to 2008:	\$0

## Spring Poem

by: G. W. Brooks

As Earth bows  
to the Sun, its rays strike  
no glancing blow but are absorbed  
in full measure; (we here where winter comes and goes)  
are gifted with  
life's full pleasure. Blades of grass,  
leaving trees and shoots all green of the freshest hue...all new.


We too awake

and find the Spring,

.....and hope!







## Meetings of Town Boards, Committees and Commissions

## Meredith Area Resources

### Board of Selectmen

Community Center 5:30pm  
1st and 3rd Monday of the Month

### Conservation Commission

Community Center 7:00pm  
1st (public meeting) and  
3rd (work session as needed)  
Thursday of the Month

### Library Trustees

Meredith Public Library 7:00pm  
2nd Tuesday of the Month

### Parks and Recreation Commission

Community Center 5:00pm  
3rd Tuesday of the Month

### Planning Board

Community Center 7:00pm  
2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month

### Water System Committee

Town Hall Annex 5:00pm  
3rd Thursday of the Month

### Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee

Community Center 7:00pm  
2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

Community Center 7:00pm  
2nd Thursday of the Month

### Emergency and Health Information

Community Action Program  
279-4096

Emergency Management Director  
279-4561

Lakes Region General Hospital  
524-3211

Meredith Public Health Nursing  
279-6611

Hanover Poison Information Center  
1-800-562-8236

### Legal Services

Belknap County Registry of Deeds  
527-5420

Belknap County Superior Court  
524-3570

Laconia District Court  
524-4128

New Hampshire Legal Assistance  
1-800-634-8989

### County and State Police

Belknap County Sheriff Department  
524-3830

State Police - Tamworth  
323-8112

State Police - Concord  
1-800-852-3411

### Permits to Kindle Fires

Main Fire Station (Fire Chief)  
279-6061

Meredith Center Store (Barry Ladd)  
279-4315

Town Hall (Vikki Fogg & Kerri Parker)  
279-4538

Y-Landing Marina (David Hamblet)  
279-9916

Harbor Hill Camping Area (Chuck Palm)  
279-6910





# Municipal Directory

Emergency - All Calls

9-1-1

**Police Department - Business**  
400 Daniel Webster Highway

8:00 am - 12:00 am daily

279-4561

fax 279-6636

**Fire Department - Business**  
286 Daniel Webster Highway

8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

279-6061

fax 279-6061

**Water & Sewer Department**  
50 Waukegan Street

7:00 am - 3:30 pm M-F

279-3046

fax 279-5356

**Parks & Recreation**  
Community Center 1 Circle Dr.

8:00 am - 9:00 pm M-F

279-8197

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Sat

fax 279-7086

**Public Works - Business**  
347 Daniel Webster Highway

8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

279-6352

fax 279-4656

*(includes Buildings & Grounds, Cemetery, Highway & Solid Waste)*

**Solid Waste Facility**  
17 Jenness Hill Road

8:00 am - 3:00 pm daily

279-8480

*closed Wednesdays and holidays*

**Town Hall - 41 Main Street**  
Administrative Services

8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

fax 677-1090

279-4538

Assessing

677-4213

Tax Collector

677-4202

Town Clerk

677-4204

Town Manager

677-4205

**Annex - 5 Highland Street**  
Community Development

8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

fax 677-1060

677-4215

**Meredith Public Library**  
91 Main Street

10:00 am - 8:00 pm Tu, W

279-4303

8:00 am - 8:00 pm Th

fax 279-5352

8:00 am - 5:00 pm F

10:00 am - 2:00 pm Sat